

Fury over freed Army killer as border shooting victim is buried

Thatcher hits at Irish over killing probe

● Mrs Thatcher issued an implicit "hands off" warning to the Eire Government over the death of a man inside Ulster at the weekend.

● She said it was "not right or possible" for the Irish Government to use the Anglo-Irish Agreement to hold a unilateral inquiry into the shooting.

● Cardinal Thomas O Fiach condemned as "murder" the killing of Aidan McAnespie by a Grenadier Guard on Sunday in Co Tyrone.

● Dublin fury mounted over the return to the British army of a soldier after serving only three years of a life sentence for murder of a Catholic.

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Prime Minister yesterday implicitly rebuked the Irish Government for mounting its own inquiry into the fatal shooting of a man at Aughnacloy, inside the Ulster border, on Sunday.

In a deliberately phrased response to a Commons question, Mrs Thatcher clearly told the Dublin authorities that the Anglo-Irish Agreement did not entitle them to unilateral inter-

vention in affairs north of the border.

She said that she did not think it was "right or possible" to use the agreement for the purpose of such an inquiry.

Mrs Thatcher told MPs that "in its own country, the Irish Government can inquire into

anything they wish - but not, of course, into matters north of the border."

Her "hands-off" warning to Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, not to meddle further in Ulster affairs came as a new bitterness swept into Anglo-Irish relations.

There was fury in Dublin at the disclosure that a British soldier jailed for murder after the Belfast shooting in 1985 of the road manager of the Bananarama pop group had been released on parole after serving only three years of a life sentence and was back serving in the Army. And at the funeral of Mr Aidan McAnespie, the man killed in the Sunday shooting at a border post, Cardinal Thomas O Fiach, the Primate of All Ireland, described his death as "murder".

Cardinal O Fiach said that the record of the forces in the archdiocese was deplorable. He had been told that Mr McAnespie had been "regularly abused" by the British Army and many people there found it hard to believe that it was a coincidence that he should have been shot.

It was being made plain in Whitehall last night that while Mrs Thatcher acknowledged that the Irish Government could do what it liked south of the border her words in the Commons were a clear warning to Mr Haughey, not to imagine that the Anglo-Irish Agreement gave him the right to interfere within United Kingdom precincts.

He would hardly take kindly, it was said, to a British inquiry into events which took place south of the border.

Some British Government quarters have been dismissing the Irish inquiry as mere political posturing, inevitable in the light of Mr Haughey's expressed lack of confidence in the impartiality of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

But it was evident last night that there is considerable resentment in Downing Street at the Irish Government's invitation to "all persons willing and able to assist" to give evidence to the inquiry.

Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, is due to meet Mr Brian Lenihan, Ireland's Foreign Minister, in Dublin today to discuss job discrimination against Catholics in Ulster. The talks are a planned demonstration that normal working relations continue under the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

But Mrs Thatcher's responses in the Commons yesterday indicated a deeper *frigidité* in Anglo-Irish relations than has so far been publicly admitted.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Ivor Stannbrook, the Tory MP for Orkney and a long-time opponent of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, asked Mrs Thatcher: "When you signed the agreement did you expect that the Irish Government would use it to justify a unilateral inquiry into an incident which occurred within the United Kingdom; the restriction on the extradition of alleged terrorists from Ireland; the setting aside of a decision of the Attorney General - Sir Patrick Mayhew - and the attempt to reverse the verdict of the British Court of Appeal?"

Mrs Thatcher replied: "I do not think it is right or possible to use the Anglo-Irish Agreement for that purpose, if one looks at terms of the Agreement."

She said that the case for a sympathetic review of sentences served by young Loyalists and Nationalists who had been "taught up in terrible and tragic events" in Ulster.

Mr Martin Flannery, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party's Northern Ireland committee, said the disclosure would anger MPs and "deepen the divisions between the British Government and the government of the Republic of Ireland".

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Row over convicted soldier's parole

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

The Government came under more pressure over Anglo-Irish relations when it was disclosed yesterday that a young soldier, sentenced to life imprisonment in 1984 for murdering a Roman Catholic civilian in Belfast, was released after serving only three years and is now back on duty with his regiment.

The case of Private Ian Richard Thain was described last night by army sources as unprecedented. He is the only British soldier ever to be found guilty of murder in the course of his duties in Northern Ireland.

Normally he would have been instantly discharged from the army, but because of "exceptional circumstances", approved at the time by Mr John Stanley, then Minister of State for the Armed Forces and now Minister of State for Northern Ireland, Private Thain was told he could return to the 1st Battalion Light Infantry with only one proviso - he must never go back to Northern Ireland.

Army sources said last night that following recommendations by his senior commanders, the director-general of army manning had decided that the shooting was a tragic error and did not merit instant discharge. The Parole Board also recommended Private Thain's early release from Liverpool prison because he was "unlikely to repeat the offence and did not present a danger to the public".

The disclosure of Private Thain's release came as the row continued over the fatal shooting on Sunday of Mr Aidan McAnespie at a Co Tyrone border checkpoint.

Mr Kevin McNamara, the shadow Minister for Northern Ireland, said yesterday that the Thain case added to the belief that there was one law for Ulster's security forces and another for its nationalist community.

He said Private Thain's release should clear the way for a sympathetic review of sentences served by young Loyalists and Nationalists who had been "taught up in terrible and tragic events" in Ulster.

"The case is not going to do the administration of justice in Northern Ireland any good at all," he said.

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Family and friends carrying Mr Aidan McAnespie's coffin through Aughnacloy yesterday, passing the observation post from where he was shot.

Americans claim signs of pull-out from Afghanistan

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The Soviet Union is already starting to pull out of Afghanistan, American intelligence sources said yesterday.

There was evidence that Moscow was withdrawing dependents of its troops, not replacing military personnel who had left the country, and "parcelling in a more defensive way".

The revelations came as Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, suggested that a resolution of the Afghan conflict could catalyse progress on other regional issues between the superpowers such as the Gulf War and the Arab-Israeli confrontation.

A week before the first Nato summit for six years, he said he was confident of a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. Soviet statements on this were "very clear, very public, unequivocal and unadorned".

Mr Shultz declared: "I would speculate that, if the Russians wind up out of Afghanistan, as we all think they must be and should be, that would make a real

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Britain's economy booming

By Rodney Lord
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Britain's economy is in the middle of a mini-boom, growing faster than any of the other leading industrial countries, according to official figures.

In the past year, the economy grew by 4.8 per cent, three times faster than France and West Germany, and achieving the fastest pace since 1973, the year of Lord Barber's boom. The year-on-year rise for the fourth quarter was even higher, 5.3 per cent.

The news came as Mr Toshio Yamazaki, the Japanese ambassador to Britain, told businessmen there had been an economic miracle under Mrs Thatcher, who had led "one of the great reforming governments of the century".

He told the Institute of Directors' annual convention in London: "Along with Japan, Britain is now well ahead of France and West Germany. Directors' convention, page 28

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BP gets green light on Britoil

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

British Petroleum was yesterday given the final go-ahead for the £2.5 billion takeover of Britoil after promising an increase of more than 50 per cent by 1990 in investment in North Sea oil exploration and assuring the Government there would be no job losses in the Glasgow-based company.

As part of the deal, Glasgow is to become the business headquarters for the management of BP's and Britoil's combined UK upstream assets and BP's Norwegian and Irish interests. Exploration expenditure is set to increase from £200 million a year to £325 million in three years.

BP is also transferring to Glasgow the management of a high technology research and development project for deep water exploitation, with between 50 and 75 senior executives and other staff moving to Scotland. And the company

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is to endow research fellowships for independent postgraduate research work in Scottish universities.

The assurances, outlined in the Commons yesterday by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, and lambasted as a "pathetic exercise in window-dressing" by Labour, were given to the Government in exchange for its decision not to use its "golden share" in Britoil to stop the takeover.

The Government is to continue to hold the golden share for a "period of time" and would have the power to replace the Britoil board if BP failed to honour its undertakings, Mr Lawson told MPs. He said: "The existence of the golden share has enabled the Government to secure from BP these wide-ranging, valuable and public assurances."

"BP have a high reputation, both internationally and also as a major employer in Scotland, and I am sure that the House will share my confidence that they will honour the assurances they have given."

Mr Lawson's decision, although applauded by most Conservative MPs, was greeted with derision by the Opposition. Mr John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said that BP had "gobbled up" Britoil and he told Mr Lawson: "You have extracted precious little from BP in exchange for handing Britoil to them on a plate."

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US to scrap visa rules for British

Britons travelling to the United States on holiday or on business will no longer require a visa from the end of this year, the Foreign Office announced yesterday.

The decision follows negotiations lasting more than two years involving the US administration and Foreign Office and Home Office officials.

The Foreign Office said Britain took the initiative in seeking to have the visa requirement relaxed. American citizens travelling to Britain do not require a visa. This has caused irritation among MPs who argued that a reciprocal arrangement should operate.

People who want to work or settle in the US will still need visas. Under the new system, intended as a pilot scheme, travellers will not need visas for trips lasting 90 days or less.

VAT order on glasses

The European Court of Justice yesterday ordered Britain to levy value-added tax on spectacles. The court, whose rulings are binding, said Britain's policy of not charging VAT on glasses goes beyond the scope of the EEC's VAT directive, which says medical treatment may be exempt.

The thirteen-judge court said glasses were a consumer product rather than genuine medical supplies.

The Government was yesterday studying the judgement. It is thought unlikely that any attempt will be made to defy the court or set a lower rate of tax than the standard 15 per cent VAT rate levied in Britain. *Law Report, page 41*

Mother's 19th child

Mrs Jessie Campbell, aged 42, of Struan, Skye, gave birth to her nineteenth child, a boy weighing 11lb 4oz, yesterday.

She and her husband, Mr John Campbell, aged 43, already have 10 boys and eight girls, of whom the eldest is 20.

The family's weekly child benefit allowance has risen to £123 a week.

© The biggest families in Britain are both English. Mrs Mable Constable, from Warwickshire, and Mrs Margaret McNaught, of Birmingham, have 22 children each.

Rail pay demands

Three unions representing British Rail staff yesterday submitted separate demands for substantial pay rises which, if met in full, would cost £107 million a year.

It is the first time in four years that the three rail unions, the NUR, ASLEF and TASS, have lodged different claims.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "Basic rates throughout the industry are shamefully low and have fallen seriously behind workers in other industries".

Boy held over death

A boy aged 12 was being held in custody by police last night after detectives found the body early yesterday of Sherona Joseph, aged two, near a railway track close to Borehamwood station in Hertfordshire.

A post-mortem examination disclosed that she had died from asphyxiation. Further forensic tests were being carried out to determine whether she had been sexually assaulted.

The girl had disappeared during her sister's ninth birthday party at the Aberford Park Community Centre, Borehamwood, the previous afternoon.

Bean sales Deaf link campaign on phone

The United States is to spend nearly £350,000 this year in promoting consumption of baked beans in Britain.

Britons already eat some 800,000 tonnes a year, or 4,000,000 tonnes a day, but the US Dry Bean Council, faced with competition from other countries, is hoping for increased sales on health grounds.

The Agricultural and Food Research Council says that beans, already recognized as a source of dietary fibre, may also reduce the risk of heart disease by lowering cholesterol.

Deaf people will be able to communicate by telephone

after the development of a special exchange by British Telecom and the Royal National Institute for the Deaf.

The project, supported by a £170,000 government grant, will enable deaf people to conduct a conversation using a television set to see, rather than hear, words.

Telecom said yesterday the system used the "conference bridge" technique, devised for the cancelled Talkabout service, through a switchboard at the institute's London head office.

MPs hear virus plea

A campaign to win official recognition for myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), a viral disease which affects more than 100,000 people but is often dismissed by doctors as malingering, was launched in Parliament yesterday.

A Bill presented under the 10-minute rule by Mr Jimmy Hood, MP for Clydesdale, called for an annual report on progress of research into the causes, effects and treatment of the virus.

MPs also received a petition from more than 1,500 victims of the illness.

Libraries may charge borrowers for new books

Libraries may introduce a two-tier lending service in which borrowers would pay to get new titles immediately and to encourage councils to privatize local branches.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, in a Green Paper published yesterday, outlined ways in which library authorities could increase revenue from £22 million a year to more than £50 million.

Mr Luce said: "The basic service, which we seek to define in the paper, books and reference, should remain free. That is a clear Government commitment."

However, the proposal to allow libraries to charge for a premium book service, providing newly-published novels and biographies on demand, was attacked by the Labour Party and the Library Association.

Mr George Cunningham, chief executive of the Library Association, said: "It is an important departure from the principle of a free lending service. Introducing a premium service could well mean that the basic library service is downgraded."

The association said a New Zealand experiment on the same lines had not been successful, and that the cost of setting up a premium service would be huge. Private libraries, such as the Boots lending library, had closed for this reason.

The Green Paper suggests putting some library services to competitive tender. These could include services for old people's homes, video tape libraries and, eventually, the running of branch library services.

However, the paper has been careful to ensure that proposals for charging, including access to electronic data bases, are discretionary. Legislation would allow local authorities the scope to introduce charges, rather than making it mandatory.

Mr Luce said: "I want to explore where the line should be drawn between what should be charged for and what should not. I want to do this by public consultation."

However, Mr Mark Fisher, Labour's spokesman on the arts, said the Green Paper was "narrow, tentative and ill thought".

He said the Treasury would soon be looking to the public library service to raise the extra £28 million proposed in the paper.

Mr Fisher said: "The paper is only good news if it means there will be no penalties on authorities that ignore all the minister's suggestions. But I somehow doubt whether, when it comes to it, there will not be a stick element behind this curiously tentative document."

He said increased charges on businesses wishing to use information services would be morally wrong and would make no economic sense.

Companies should be encouraged to use the community's information resources as a tool in any planned expansion.

Warning by Thatcher over Rover pay demands

The Prime Minister yesterday gave a warning that the Government would not give the Rover group money to fund pay demands.

On the second day of the strike by 6,000 workers at the Land-Rover plant in Solihull she told MPs that such strikes merely handed jobs to the Japanese.

Ministers are growing increasingly worried at the number of inflationary pay settlements. Mr Leon Brittan, the former Treasury and trade minister who now has a backbencher's freedom of speech, last night said that government action to oppose high pay claims was essential if inflation was not to rise again.

Reflecting some thinking within the Government, he said that ministers should make it clear to employers that if they conceded excessive pay claims the Government would respond with the "most vigorous counter-inflationary action".

Mr Brittan, speaking at a London dinner, added: "That means putting up interest rates. The small increase earlier in the month was a warning shot. There is already a powerful case for a further more substantial increase. If there are more pay settlements like Ford's, the case will become irresistible."

In the Commons Mrs Thatcher agreed with Mr Roger Knapman, Conservative MP for Stroud, who said vast sums of money had been given to Rover and no more should be given to fund excessive pay demands.

The Prime Minister said the Rover-Leyland Group had been given something like £2.9 billion of taxpayers' money and there was no intention of providing more to fund the increase sought above the offer by Rover management.

"It is a matter for the management and workforce as to how to resolve that particular strike. I hope it will not last long because strikes do not help anyone, least of all those who work in a particular company, and one's fear is they would be handing jobs and business to Japan."

Mr Tony Gilroy, managing director of Land-Rover, said yesterday that the strike could inflict more damage on the company than its foreign competitors had achieved in 10 years.

As the strike at the Solihull-based company entered its second day, Mr Gilroy said: "Our competitors are just waiting to snap up customers who may not wait for our vehicles". Last year the company took on 1,000 extra workers to increase Range Rover production for the United States and other overseas markets.

A prolonged strike would mean customers would buy other vehicles, demand would fall and the company would not need to employ as many people. Unions have claimed that the pay offer is worth only eight per cent over two years in guaranteed earnings.

Mr Gilroy said, however: "It is probably the best offer they have ever received in real terms in their working lives. And yet their representatives are pressing for more." Average earnings had already risen by about 15 per cent with improved productivity over 12 months, and Land-Rover workers were second only to Jaguar in pay.

© Production of the black London taxi will be halted within two weeks if the Land-Rover strike continues. A Land-Rover diesel engine is used in the diesel cabs built by the Coventry-based company, London Taxi International.

Flightpath for a record double



Wing Commander John Brady, (right) and his navigator, Flight Lieutenant Mike Pugh, who are aiming for a double record today. They hope to set a new speed record for flying between Land's End and John o' Groats and, at the same time making their 19-year-old Phantom jet the first of its kind to clock up 5,000 hours of flying for the RAF. The two-purpose mission by the two officers of 43 Squadron, based at Leuchars in Fife, will raise money for the Lord Dowding Sheltered Housing Project at Modfist in the Scottish Borders. The Phantom will not be allowed to fly at supersonic speeds over land and will probably travel at no more than 540 knots at between 25,000 and 35,000 ft (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

Select Committees

Science watchdog proposed

Government policy in the critical area of science and technology could soon be monitored by a specially convened all-party Commons select committee.

MPs acknowledge, with scientists generally angered by their treatment by the present administration, that there is an urgent need for a Parliamentary body that can focus that discontent and exert a constructive influence on government thinking.

There is already an all-party committee on education and science, but it has produced only one report on science in the past five years and has concentrated almost exclusively on education.

Its members, led by Sir Gerard Vaughan, the former Conservative trade minister, now readily acknowledge that they cannot begin to monitor both subjects adequately, and have asked the Commons authorities either to set up a separate science and technology committee or to allow it to set up a sub-committee to concentrate exclusively on science.

Mr Timothy Raison, the committee chairman, has taken up the matter with the liaison committee representing all select committee chairmen.

He said yesterday that he would like ideally to see a separate committee, but acknowledged that a sub-committee could fit more easily into the present arrangements whereby select committees each shadow specific government departments.

The proposal will be put to the Commons if the liaison committee agrees. It is understood that there are a number of chairmen who would strongly favour a science and technology committee.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, has said in the Commons that she regrets the abolition of the last science and technology committee during reorganization of the committees in 1979.

That committee had as its chairman the late Sir Airey Neave, and was one of three extremely strong backbench committees. It wielded a powerful influence on government actions. Its abolition, because it had no specific

government department to shadow, led to the setting up of the Lords' science and technology committee containing a number of distinguished scientists, which has produced successive reports condemning government under-funding.

Mr Raison admitted that his committee had not in the past been able "to pay much attention to this crucially important subject".

© Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Trade and Industry, will resist final pleas from his own supporters tonight to release more funds for space projects.

He is expected to put up a robust defence against an increase of £50 million a year rise in his £112 million space budget, which the Conservative Computer Forum, of which he is president, is seeking.

The forum, a Conservative think-tank on technology, will launch its report *Highways in the Sky* today calling on Mr Clarke to reconsider his refusal to contribute to two key European space projects, the Ariane 5 launcher and the Columbus space station.

UK pupils get a taste of glasnost

By Sarah Thompson Education Reporter

Anglo-Soviet relations were boosted yesterday when 20 Kent teenagers flew to Moscow as part of a pupil exchange programme.

Soviet and British schools have forged links before, but the pupils of the two Simon Langton grammar schools in Canterbury are the first to be allowed to stay in the homes of their Russian opposite numbers, pupils of Special School 23 in Vladimir, 150 miles east of Moscow.

Among the British group is Sarah Wheelodon, aged 15, of Herne Bay, who has been given a top-of-the-range camera by *The Times* to record her experiences with. She is also keeping a diary of the 10-day visit and on her return will write for *The Times* about the trip.

Stanley Dailey, a teacher accompanying the group, said: "All the pupils on the trip study Russian and speak enough to make themselves understood. They will join lessons at Russian schools and take part in a wide range of cultural activities."

Sarah, however, is not so sure. She and the nine other girls from Simon Langton girls' school have had a six-week "first-aid" Russian course and are pinning their hopes of communication on the fact that Special School 23 specializes in English teaching.

"I can just about say hello," she said before leaving, "but I've already forgotten how to say, 'Hello, I've lost my group'."

"I'm very excited, but I would have liked to have learnt a bit more about the girl I am staying with first. We sent them letters introducing ourselves but we don't know anything about them."

In July, the Russian teenagers will stay in the homes of their new British friends. Part of the Kent teenagers' brief, said Sarah's headteacher, Mr Trevor Conway, is to find out what the Russians would most like to do in England.

"With any luck we'll be able to take them to a disco," Sarah said, "but it turns out there are more girls than boys in the Russian group, so I doubt if we girls will have much chance of getting Russian boyfriends."

The exchange grew out of a Canterbury twinning arrangement which is intended to include an American city. "Ironically, we have not yet been able to form an alliance with an American town, but the twinning with Vladimir is going well," said Mr Conway.

Jets' near-disaster

Air controller back at work

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The air traffic controller suspended after Sunday's near-miss between a British Caledonian 1-11 aircraft and a Pan Am 727 has been exonerated from blame and is back at work.

The controller was removed from normal duties and told to write a full report on the incident in which the Pan Am jet flew to within 800 ft vertically and one mile horizontally of the B-Cal jet.

The pilot of the Pan Am aircraft said in his report that he had been cleared to descend to 16,000 ft and was backed up by both his co-pilot and the flight engineer. But investigators listened to tapes of the conversations which had taken place between the air and the ground and decided that the controller had clearly given permission for the Pan Am jet to descend only to 26,000 ft.

They were impressed that he quickly realized what was happening and ordered the captain to turn sharply left when he had dropped only 200 ft below the intended level.

They delivered a rebuke to the controller for failing to react initially when the Pan Am captain repeated his original instruction wrongly. But the pressure of other work and comparatively poor radio communications could have been blamed for mishearing, they decided.

The two controllers involved in the earlier air miss involving a British Airways Tri-star and a Bulgarian charter jet remain suspended. It is now believed that the aircraft came within 50 ft of each other over Lydd in Kent. Had it not been a clear day, enabling the BA pilot to see and thereby avoid the Bulgarian aircraft at the last moment, the two jets would have collided.

Part of the reason for the incident was the unusually high level of unscheduled charter flights crossing the coast near Lydd. Several were flying from France to Edinburgh, taking spectators to the Scotland-France rugby international at Murrayfield.

When Gatwick runway was suddenly closed for repairs to lighting, the controllers were faced with a rapid build-up of aircraft and missed the Tri-star as they tried to reorganize their duties to cope with the additional demand.

A full Department of Transport investigation of the incident has been ordered. *Route to safety, page 12*

Renault in talks to stop strike

By Tim Jones

Management and unions at Renault Trucks in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, were meeting last night in an attempt to avert another damaging strike in the motor industry.

More than 700 employees at the company, which manufactures fewer than 30 lorries a day, have voted overwhelmingly to take industrial action from tomorrow unless management improves its 6 per cent one-year pay offer.

The unions have demanded an increase of at least £20 on basic earnings of £140 to give them parity with workers at the Vauxhall Motors plant who are due to vote on industrial action over pension scheme changes.

In spite of the dispute over pensions, Vauxhall hopes on Friday to reach agreement with its 8,700 workers at Luton, Bedfordshire, and Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, on its two-year pay offer worth between 11.8 and 14.6 per cent.

Fears on Korean imports

By Daniel Ward

Imports of Korean cars to Britain are set to rise sharply as Japanese manufacturers take advantage of low Korean labour costs and circumvent EEC import restrictions.

Up to 3,000 Korean-built Japanese cars are expected to be imported by Mazda UK within two years. More than half the Korean cars sold in the EEC are currently registered in Britain.

The Committee of Common Market Automobile Constructors is concerned about the rise in Korean imports. Mr Fernin Pelletier, committee secretary, said yesterday: "The Korean imports are not high at the moment but we are aware they are rising."

The committee wants the Korean car market opened to imports so that reciprocity with Europe can be achieved. Korean imports of Japanese models to the EEC could be blocked if it was decided they counted as part of the Japanese quota.

King's former guardians go back on the beat

By David Sapsted

Two members of Wiltshire police's special protection squad were back on the beat last night after complaints that one of the officers visited his girlfriend - while the other waited outside her house - when they should have been guarding the home of Northern Ireland Secretary Mr Tom King, it was disclosed yesterday.

Senior Wiltshire officers admitted "deep embarrassment" over the alleged security lapse, which came less than six months after two men and a woman from the Irish Republic were arrested in the grounds of Mr King's farm at Ford, near Chippenham.

It is not known if Mr King was at home when the alleged breach of security took place but the two officers under investigation were not involved in Mr King's protection at the time the farm was penetrated.

The three Irish suspects, who were arrested last August, are due to appear in court next Monday on attempted murder charges and, since the incident, Wiltshire police have reviewed security arrangements for Mr King and his family, regarded as a primary target for IRA terrorists.

Inspector Max Fhesse of Wiltshire police said the two constables had been returned to the beat while the complaint was investigated.

"We are not prepared to discuss matters which are subject to investigation," he added.

They were reported by a member of the public.

The Home Office increased the size of Wiltshire's protection squad, membership of which is regarded as a special honour, to 20 constables and two sergeants early last year. It is normal for police patrolling the Northern Ireland Secretary's home to be armed.

Neither the Northern Ireland Office nor the Home Office would discuss the latest incident last night. Both constables could face serious disciplinary action if the complaint is upheld.

Mr James Hill, Conservative MP for Southampton Test said: "You can't have men like this in security matters. It's a great responsibility and if guilty these men have to be got rid of. If a man can't be trusted to do his job, can he be trusted to do his job anywhere?"

Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Conservative MP for Bristol East, said: "People like Tom King deserve better protection. The fact is he is a marked man for the rest of his life."

A spokesman for the Wiltshire Police Federation said: "The incident happened in recent weeks. At the end of the day they could face a disciplinary hearing before the Chief Constable. The worry of every police officer is that he will lose his job in circumstances like this. One of the men has already sought our advice."

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Children's hospital gets extra funds for intensive care nurses

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Birmingham Children's Hospital, which has had to postpone operations because of the shortage of specialist beds, is to get extra funding for 13 nurses to staff two new intensive care beds, the West Midlands Regional Health Authority announced yesterday.

The authority said it would bring forward proposals originally scheduled for 1990 to spend £120,000 on the extra staff, which would enable the hospital to increase the number of beds in its intensive care unit from six to eight.

The funds will be diverted from the £2 million allocation for regional specialties in the West Midlands region. However, it will be at the expense of other clinical services.

"We want to reassure parents in Birmingham that there is no ban on recruiting nurses and that the region will guarantee funding for 13 new nurses," the authority said.

Doctors said that five extra children would be treated each week once the new beds were opened. The waiting list for child heart operations could be cleared within months.

However, Mr David Hands, regional director of performance review and administration for the authority, said difficulties in recruiting nurses meant the beds may not open

for several months and possibly not until next year.

The children's hospital is still short of five nurses for its intensive care unit, which has meant closing one of its six beds. It is seeking to attract more nurses by offering combined training with work on the unit.

Mr Hands said: "The hospital has recently taken on three well-qualified, experienced nurses. Some have intensive-care training but have not done a children's course. We are running a short-term programme to train these staff to work on the unit."

The hospital hopes to launch the first paediatric intensive-care course for nurses outside London next autumn. The first intake of six nurses would be fully trained by next April, although there would be a guarantee that they would stay.

In a statement issued yesterday, the authority said that 65 children had undergone heart operations at the hospital in the past three months. "Of the 107 children waiting for heart surgery, 35 are planned to have treatment within six weeks and the remainder are either less urgent or are deliberately planned to take place later."

The authority also said the private Priory Hospital in Birmingham had confirmed

that it was unable to take more than one or two cases.

Parent groups were delighted yesterday at the announcement that intensive-care beds would be increased. The news came more than a week after the death at the hospital of Matthew Collier and Scott Kimberley, whose operations were cancelled three times because of the shortage of intensive-care beds.

Mrs Sandra Higginbotham, of the Young at Heart Parents' Group, which has fought a three-month campaign for more nurses, said: "The campaign is beginning to work but it has been a long hard fight and we are still not giving up."

Dr Joseph de Giovanni, heart specialist at the hospital, said: "I am delighted."

One of the smallest and youngest babies to undergo a liver transplant is recovering at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham (Craig Seton writes).

James Bickerton, aged seven months, weighed only 7 kg when he underwent the eight-hour operation at the hospital last Friday night. He was so small that the donor liver from another baby had to be cut to size to fit his tiny body.

Surgeons had feared that James may not have been fit enough for surgery if he had been forced to wait any longer

A Dame's special gift



Reflected glory: Dame Ninette de Valois, founder of the Royal Ballet and doyenne of British dance, watching students going through their paces yesterday at the opening of a new dance studio at the London Studio Centre, to mark her 90th birthday this year. The studio will be named de Valois in honour of Dame Ninette (Photograph: John Rogers).

Telecom accused of pager fraud

British Telecom was accused in the High Court of conspiracy and fraud by allegedly charging a businessman for a radio pager he did not have and then attempting to cover up the mistake.

Mr Samuel Ernest says he was charged for a pager for two years before he discovered the error. British Telecom then took a further year to admit it was wrong, he claims.

Mr Ernest, of Mount Pleasant, Bloomsbury, central London, says the overcharging was deliberate policy by British Telecom to obtain money "by misrepresentation and dishonest means".

He sued British Telecom, alleging that dishonest salesmen were choosing names at random for the paging service to boost their commission.

British Telecom forged documents and abused the protection it had from a limited liability in attempting to cover up the situation, he said.

Mr Ernest, who runs a company which makes promotional films, said business suffered because his telephone was cut off several times for non-payment of his bill. He said that attempting to convince British Telecom it was wrong was "like talking to a brick wall".

When he had finally done so, his attitude was one of total arrogance, Mr Ernest said.

At one stage British Telecom had attempted to penalize him for "daring to complain" by threatening to cut off his telephone, he said.

British Telecom admits the error of charging for the radio pager but denies Mr Ernest suffered any loss as a result and that it is liable for damages. The hearing continues today.

Portfolio — PLUS NEW — Accumulator Winner to celebrate in style

Mr Roland Hawkes, aged 36, of Sadlers Ride, East Molesey, Surrey, won £4,000 yesterday in *The Times* Portfolio Gold competition.

Mr Hawkes, who is a mini-cab driver for Megal Radio Cars in Sarbiton, Surrey, said he would celebrate with a bottle of champagne and a quick trip to Ibiza. His hobbies include doing *The Times* crossword puzzles, and playing backgammon and bridge.



Mr Roland Hawkes: Sun and champagne

Clergymen in damage case

An Anglican vicar, a Catholic priest and three Dominican monks were among 19 people charged at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London, with criminal damage yesterday.

The 11 women and eight men are accused of daubing slogans on the Ministry of Defence building in Whitehall during a peace protest on February 17. All were granted unconditional bail. The case will resume next month.

Attack on privatized GPs

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Doctors' leaders and patient groups yesterday claimed that a scheme to privatize GPs, being considered by government ministers, would lead to both a conflict of interests and a two tier service.

The plan, outlined in *The Times* yesterday, suggests a system similar to that operating in the United States under which GPs set up as private companies offering a package of health care to patients for a fixed annual sum.

The GPs then contract out to hospitals for various services depending on the patients' needs. A group of GPs may even own a hospital.

Basic cover for individuals would be provided by the Government through an annual capitation fee, but patients could opt to pay extra

for quicker or more comfortable provision.

The system, known in America as Health Maintenance Organizations, was yesterday criticized by family doctors who fear that standards would be exchanged for profits.

The British Medical Association said that neither GPs nor their patients would want to have anything to do with the proposal. "We are not interested in any schemes which introduce any form of profit motive into primary health care."

"We believe the NHS could not be delivered in this way without conflicts between the interests of patients and the profit motives of doctors."

The College of Health,

which represents patients, said that the Government's plans amounted to a complete dismantling of the health service with GPs responsible for total health care.

"We do not see that this would be feasible", Miss Marianne Rigge, director of the College, said. "The idea of doctors owning the hospitals they send patients to does not sound like a good idea for consumers because it would be bound to lead to less choice."

"Our main fear however would be that the people who suffer from chronic illness or from a hardship or disability might be the first to be lost out under a system geared to treat people as quickly and cheaply as possible."

Vet loses case over outburst

Maurice Kirk, the vet who tried to arrest a Guernsey magistrate, was found guilty yesterday of bringing his profession into disrepute.

In the incident he charged from the dock, knocked over the magistrate's bench and was dragged from the court by two officers.

Mr Peter Hignett, chairman of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons' disciplinary committee, said: "For any person to advance upon any judicial officer in the seat of justice and put him in fear of his safety strikes at the very foundations of our social system."

After the hearing Mr Kirk, aged 42, insisted that he would fight the Guernsey legal system until he beat it.

Mr Kirk said that after his public outburst about Guernsey he was punched in the face by a man with a knuckle duster and stabbed in the chest in another attack.

Mr Kirk's professional future will be decided after a hearing on March 7 when he faces a further charge of being unfit to practice by putting up an offensive hearing with a gallows effigy.

Firemen lost hour finding subway

Nearly an hour was lost before fire officers at King's Cross Underground station learned of a subway entrance that would have allowed them to approach the blaze from a different direction.

Station Officer Roger De Monte told the London inquiry into the disaster yesterday that he could find no Underground officials to give him information.

Later, a railway official helped him to draw a map of the station, but it did not include the subway link to British Rail's Midland City station. Nor did plans found in a box which had to be broken open with an axe and bolt-cutters.

It was then between 45 minutes and an hour after the flashover which caused the fire to spread into the ticket hall. An Underground official then offered to guide him to the Midland City station, and Mr De Monte was told by a senior fire officer to take fire fighters to reach the blaze from that direction.

Last week Mr Gerald Clarkson, London's Chief Fire Officer, who was in China at the time of the disaster, said that the fire should have been

tackled earlier via the Midland City subway, though that would not have saved lives.

Mr De Monte yesterday told Mr Charles George, counsel for London Fire Service, that it would have helped firemen to get to the Midland City entrance much sooner if Underground personnel had been available.

Mr George then read the minutes of a 1985 meeting between the London Fire Brigade and London Underground, which showed that a senior Underground official would normally "be on site at about the same time, or earlier than, the London Fire Brigade" at a fire in a central London station.

The fire brigade control officer who took the 999 call from British Transport Police about the fire was questioned about an apparent delay of 17 minutes in passing the message on to London Underground control. She insisted that she had made the call within two minutes.

Mrs Patricia French said she had noted the timing on a call slip.

The hearing continues today.

Potter's dabs in demand

£19,800 for a little tea bowl

Anyone who has ever lived with a potter will know about reference pieces: bowls, jugs and plates which are perfectly made, but whose decoration consists of dabs of colour samples, rather like paints in a watercolour paintbox. With time these working tools of the potter can become important documentary antiques.

In a ceramics sale at Sotheby's yesterday there was an example from the Vincennes manufactory, dated 1749 and signed by Louis Denis Armand l'aîné. It gives the names and reference numbers of the various colours and glazes used by the pottery and these give life to the dry documents of the factory's archives. Thus such a piece has an immense appeal to modern scholars and collectors.

In the circumstances the price of £19,800 paid by an anonymous bidder for a little reference tea bowl seems very reasonable (estimate £10,000 to £15,000).

The top price at the sale was

SALE ROOM

By Huon Mallatieu

£55,000, also paid anonymously, for a 76-piece Meissen part dinner and dessert service painted with exotic and domestic birds and fruit in the mid-eighteenth century (estimate £35,000 to £45,000).

Sotheby's was also active yesterday in Monaco and at Billingshurst, West Sussex. In Monaco there were modern illustrated books, which made a total of 4,599,000 French francs (£453,103). Almost a quarter of that total was raised by an example of Chagall's *Cirque* with 37 lithographs from the 1967 edition of 250 copies. That sold to a dealer from Paris for FF.076,700 (£106,079) against an estimate of FF600,000-800,000.

A copy of *La Rivière Enchantée* by Heron de Villefosse, illustrated with coloured etchings by Fougère, 1951, made FF588,300

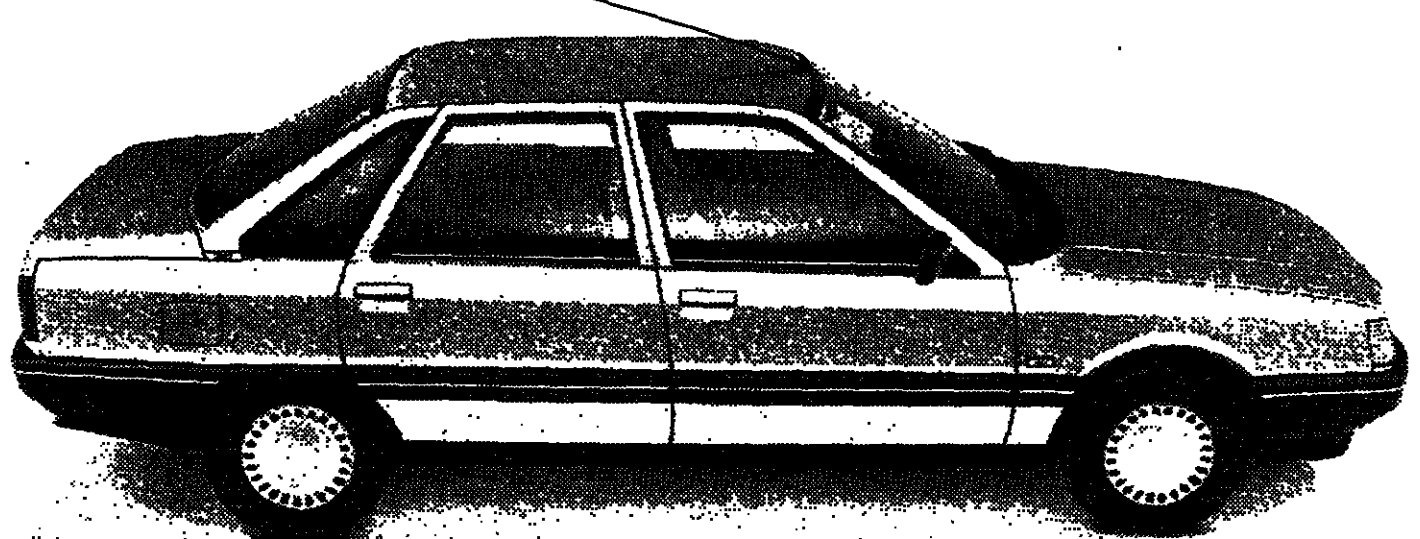
(£57,961), doubling its estimate.

In Sussex Sotheby's sold English oak furniture, producing £168,371 with a little over six per cent bought in. A warmly coloured William and Mary oval fruitwood gate-leg table went to a local dealer for £9,680 (estimate £4,000-£6,000).

In a sale of modern pictures at Phillips there was a run on the work of a Spanish artist, who has not hitherto made any great mark on the London market.

Francisco Bores (1898-1972) was influenced by the Cubists and by Matisse, and his "Girl With a Bird" of 1932 was bought by a Spanish collector for £20,350 against an estimate of a mere £1,500-£2,500. Three more of his paintings went to a Barcelona gallery.

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PARLIAMENT

Golden share to be held in reserve

The Government will not exercise any of the rights attaching to its special "golden" share in Britoil so long as it is satisfied that BP is complying with the assurances that it has given over the terms of its takeover, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the Commons.

In his statement, he said that on February 1, after the acquisition by BP of the majority of Britoil's ordinary shares, he had announced that the Government would discuss with the two companies how it would use the special share.

"I reaffirmed that the powers of the special share would be used for so long as it was in the national interest to do so. I understood that, in the discussions, we would take fully into account what was best for Scotland and for the development of the North Sea. Those discussions have now been completed and an acceptable arrangement has been reached with BP."

The details had been set out in an exchange of letters between BP and the Treasury.

BP had undertaken to seek to achieve an increase of at least 3 per cent in recoverable reserves from Britoil's North Sea oil fields on the UK Continental Shelf and to increase exploration substantially.

"By 1990, BP plan to spend between £300 million and £325 million a year on combined BP and Britoil North Sea exploration. This represents a large increase in expenditure and will lead to a major expansion in the number of wells drilled. BP have undertaken to develop as fast as is practicable all economic North Sea discoveries in the combined BP and Britoil portfolio, including those resulting from the increased exploration programme.

"All this implies a faster and more effective development of assets in the North Sea. This increase in activity should give a welcome boost to the UK offshore industry.

Britoil's Glasgow office would become the business headquarters for the management not only of BP's and Britoil's combined UK upstream as-

sets, but also of BP's Norwegian and Irish interests. BP had undertaken that the overall number of employees in Aberdeen and Glasgow would not fall as a result of the acquisition.

"BP have also undertaken to transfer to Glasgow the management of a high-technology research-and-development project for the exploration of the deeper waters of the United Kingdom Continental Shelf and elsewhere. As a minimum, between 50 and 75 senior BP executives and other highly qualified technical graduate staff will move to Scotland."

BP expected to increase the existing commitments of both companies in support of research at Scottish universities in relation to the UK Continental Shelf. They would also make a number of BP research fellowships for postgraduate research work in Scottish universities. Both BP and Britoil have an excellent reputation for support for the Scottish community and BP have undertaken that this will be continued at least at the present levels for the two companies.

The Britoil board would be headed by a new non-executive chairman who would have no previous BP connections and whose appointment would be agreed between the Government and BP.

The chief executive and the executive members of the board would be nominated by BP, but the appointment of a majority of the non-executives would be agreed between the Government and BP.

"If BP, which currently own some 80 per cent of Britoil's ordinary shares, end up with a majority, but not a 100 per cent shareholding, the same assurances and arrangements will apply, to the extent consistent with the obligations owed to Britoil's minority shareholders.

"Britoil will be managed and operated as a separate independent subsidiary and will have its own chief executive."

The proposed staff movements to Scotland will still take place.

"The Government have told BP that, in return for these assurances,

and so long as we are satisfied that BP are complying with them, we do not intend to exercise any of the rights attaching to the special share.

"After a period of time, the Government will review, in the light of the way that these assurances have operated, when the special share should be redeemed.

"Meanwhile, responsibility for the special share will be transferred from the Treasury to the Department of Energy.

"The existence of the special share has enabled the Government to secure from BP these widening, valuable and public assurances.

"BP have a high reputation, both internationally and also as a major employer in Scotland, and I am sure that the House will share my confidence that they will honour the assurances they have given."

"I believe this outcome is good for Scotland, good for the efficient exploitation of our North Sea assets and good for the future of the two companies and their employees."

NHS suffering because of pay 'uncertainty'

The National Health Service was suffering from uncertainty because the Prime Minister would not commit the Government to funding the nurses' pay award, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said during question time.

Mrs Thatcher promised an expeditious response when the nurses and other pay body reviews were received in April and said that nurses had done well under Conservative governments.

Mrs Kinnock said that her refusal to give a commitment fully to fund the health service pay award was, in the words of the Commons select committee on Treasury affairs, causing damage and uncertainty in some areas continued ward closures.

Would she make the necessary commitment to funding, so that health authorities could plan and provide properly without cutting staff and without making ward closures?

Mrs Thatcher: No. It is about the fifth time I have had the same question and the answer will be precisely the same.

The pay award will be dealt with in precisely the same way as previous pay awards. These have been highly beneficial for the nurses.

Last year all the reports for the review body came in by the end of April and April 14 - for the nurses, doctors, dentists, professions supplementary to medicine, the Armed Forces review bodies and the top salaries review body.

We announced all the decisions by April 23. I hope that if the reports come in a similar group this year, we will be equally expeditious in announcing our decision.

Mrs Kinnock said that never before had a select committee with a majority of Conservatives said publicly that the absence of commitment was causing damage and uncertainty, yet never before had they had the same select committee saying that she had up to £2 billion extra that she could spend on the NHS without changing the proportion of GDP spent on the service.

When that service was so desperate and when she plainly had the money, why did she not use the money?

Mrs Thatcher: The Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Mr John Major) gave a very effective reply to the select committee when he said that the Government was not responsible.

Not only had the GDP gone up and there was further good news on that today - it is up 5 per cent over what it was a year ago - (Conservative cheers) but the proportion of GDP spent on the health service has also gone up from 4.8 per cent under

Labour to 5.6 per cent under the Conservatives.

Mr Kinnock said that Mr Cranley Onslow, the chairman of the 1922 backbenchers' committee, had said that coded messages were not enough and that Mr Major's reply was not good enough.

"When today, now, words are being closed, uncertainty is damaging because she will not make the commitment, why doesn't she make the commitment, relieving the health authorities of these further weeks of uncertainty which are causing further damage in the health service."

Mrs Thatcher: The nurses had great action under Tory governments.

They had given them 30 per cent over and above inflation, with increases in pay compared with a 10 per cent reduction under a Labour government.

The nurses have done very well under Tory governments.

Mr Matthew Taylor (Tyrone, L) said that he was pleased Mrs Thatcher was a regular visitor to Cornwall, but did she realize that this was adding to the burdens on the health service there? Hospitals were closing.

Would the Prime Minister ensure that in the review of the health service a new code of conduct was made to tackling the problems of rural scatter in areas like this?

Mrs Thatcher said there would be a very thorough review of the health service.

If Mr Taylor had specific and rather more definite points to make, perhaps he would make them to her in writing.

Mr Andrew Smith (Oxford East, Lab) asked whether the Prime Minister would deny reports appearing in today's *Daily Telegraph* that ministers had already decided not to fund fully the nurses' pay review, but instead to seek further efficiency savings.

If she would not deny the reports, when would she realize that for her to suggest that nurses' pay could be funded only at the expense of patient care would be beyond contempt and rejected by the House as it had been by the select committee and as it would be by the people?

Mrs Thatcher replied: I have not read any newspapers today. I have been far too busy and what appears in the newspapers is not my responsibility.

We shall deal with the report of the review bodies in precisely the same way, and I hope with precisely the same expedition, as we dealt with them in previous years. So he will not have long to wait.

Takeover of Britoil fiercely criticized by the Opposition

The Chancellor's announcement on Britoil was met with fierce criticism from Labour MPs.

Mr Nigel Lawson and other ministers were accused of going back on promises given at the time of the Britoil flotation.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on economic affairs, said that BP had rolled over the Chancellor and that he had extracted very little from the company before handing it Britoil on a plate.

He said that the statement was a public exercise in window dressing by Mr Lawson for not honouring specific pledges that he had given about the independence of Britoil when he was Secretary of State for Energy.

On March 31, 1982, Mr Lawson had said that the special share "will act as the most formidable deterrent to anyone who tries to take over the board of the company or the majority of shares and who the Government consider to be unacceptable."

The then Minister of State for Scotland had said in the House of Lords the next day that the articles of the company would contain effective safeguards for Britoil's independence.

"BP correctly judged that this Government would not stand by its own assurances. They have now rolled over the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

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"In exchange for the obliteration of the independence of Scotland's largest publicly quoted company, there is an undertaking that jobs will not fall - no guarantee for the future."

"Was it not the independence of Britoil which the 'golden share' was supposed to guarantee?"

BP would have sole and unfettered control over the appointment of the chief executive and all executive directors of the new subsidiary.

"This whole episode proves that the Chancellor is not to be trusted when he gives assurances to Parliament."

It was a betrayal of the public interest, exemplified by an increase in monopoly power, the move of decision-making power to London and the extinction of a proud and successful oil company.

And, while Mr Lawson allowed BP to gobble up Britoil, the Kuwaiti Investment Office steadily increased its shareholding in BP. "The Kuwaitis have a clearer concept of their interest than the Chancellor has of the British interest."

Mr Lawson said that he was not surprised that Mr Smith had gone on to the subject of the Kuwaiti holding in BP, as he knew he was on such flimsy and hopeless ground over the statement. The Government had received assurances from the Kuwaitis over their holding.



Mr Lawson, who, Labour said, had got little from BP before "handing it Britoil on a plate"

Warhead building now under way

Manufacture of Trident warheads started at Aldermaston last month, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said at question time. The test series for Trident had been the most successful for any missile system yet.

The latest test flight of a Trident D5 missile on January 21 had revealed a deficiency in the design of one of the missile's systems, but overall, the development test programme had been highly successful.

Miss Alice Mahon (Halifax, Lab) said that the test had been a miserable failure with the missile exploding after 2.43 seconds. That proved that the people who targeted the missiles were in more danger than those on whom they were targeted.

Mr Younger said that as the test demonstrated that this missile was not working properly, the test could be said to have been a 100 per cent success.

Mr Martin O'Neill, an Opposition defence spokesman, said that this was the second or third delay in the Trident project. The

Chemical weapons ban 'our priority'

The Government believed that the priorities for arms negotiations should be a worldwide ban on chemical weapons and a start in reducing conventional weapons.

There was no doubt that the attitude of the present British Government, which had been leading the pack towards reductions in nuclear weapons, had been overwhelmingly successful.

Mrs Joan Ruddock (Leisham, Depford, Lab) said that the Soviet Union had an overwhelming superiority in short-range weapons.

The British Government was totally opposed to any negotiation on them because it was most likely that Gorbachev would agree to remove all the short-range weapons, despite the fact that they had a great excess. Why was the British Government opposed to the denuclearization of Europe, which the people of Europe wanted?

Mr Younger said that this was the first government ever to achieve a reduction in nuclear weapons. The German Government would agree that the priorities were as he had laid them out.

Mr Dennis Davies, Opp-

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osition spokesman on defence, said that there was a consensus in the Federal Republic of Germany for talks on the reduction and elimination of battlefield nuclear weapons, parallel with talks on conventional reductions.

If talks on conventional weapons prospered, then talks on battlefield nuclear weapons could prosper.

Why was the Government so afraid of such a reasonable solution? What was the Government afraid of?

Mr Younger said that the Opposition was putting words in the mouth of the German Government. The Germans fully supported the Nato nuclear strategy, which depended on flexible response to any nuclear attack and Nato as a whole would have to make up its mind whether it agreed with the priorities he had laid down as the British Government view. They would do that over the next few months.

The following exchange took place during further defence questions:

● No case has been made for the reopening of the inquiry into the disappearance of the logbook from HMS *Conqueror*. Mr Ian Stewart, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said.

Responding to recent allegations that the logbook was deliberately destroyed after the submarine had sunk the Argentine cruiser *General Belgrano* during the Falklands War, Mr Stewart said that the official concerned had denied the allegations.

"He was not in 1982, nor has he ever been, in a post which would have given him access to naval logbooks."

Mr Alan Williams (Carmarthen, Lab) said that the commander of the *Conqueror* had reacted with incredulity to the order to torpedo the *Belgrano*.

"That order had to be repeated three times over six hours. Those messages between Northolt and the *Conqueror* would have been recorded in the logbook. That is why the Government ordered its incineration."

Mr Stewart said that Mr

Irish pact query for Thatcher

When the Prime Minister signed the Anglo-Irish agreement, had she been aware that the Irish Government would use it to justify a unilateral inquiry into an incident which occurred within the UK, or for restrictions on the extradition of alleged terrorists from Ireland?

That question was put to Mrs Thatcher during questions to the Prime Minister in the Commons by Mr Ivor Stansbrook (Orpington, C).

Mrs Thatcher replied: I do not think it is possible to use the Anglo-Irish agreement for that purpose.

With regard to the recent inquiry which the republic indicates it has set up, in their own country the Irish Government can inquire into anything they wish to, but not of course in matters north of the border. The extradition treaty we had with them was changed unilaterally.

Wyatt attack on Scargill

The following report of a Lords debate on the Employment Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

It was likely that Mr John Walsh had defeated Mr Arthur Scargill in the ballot for presidency of the National Union of Mineworkers, Lord Wyatt of Woodroffe (Ind) said. In debate on the second reading of the Bill, he alleged that there was fraud in the recent re-election of Mr Scargill.

He was challenged by Lord Murray of Epping Forest, former general secretary of the IUC, and Lady Turner of Camden, an Opposition employment spokesman and leading trade unionist, to repeat the allegations outside Parliament in the *News of the World*.

The Employment Bill did not offer enough and he would like to see tougher procedures.

Moving second reading for the Government, Lord Trefarne said that the Bill gave the

Biko film for the Commons

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Labour MPs are to screen Sir Richard Attenborough's film *Cry Freedom* at the Commons today to raise the issue of "violence and brutality" of apartheid.

Sir Richard will introduce the film, which tells of the death in police custody in South Africa of the black activist, Steve Biko, and will answer questions from MPs and peers afterwards.

The screening has been organized by Labour's foreign affairs committee, whose chairman, Mr Ernest Ross, said yesterday that the film showed graphically the violence and brutality of apartheid, and at a time when the true picture of South African repression is being kept from our television screens it provides us with an image of what the reality is.

"I can think of no better place in Britain to show this film than the Houses of Parliament, where MPs, and particularly members of the Government, have the opportunity to make effective their opposition to the South African regime."

Government succeeds in its Thames bridge amendment

The following report of a Commons debate on the Darford-Thurrock Crossing Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

A Government amendment to allow the proposed Darford-Thurrock bridge over the Thames to go ahead without provision for shields against high winds was carried by 141 votes to 44 - Government majority, 97.

The decision came at report stage of the Bill after Conservative MPs had joined in criticism of the Government's handling of the Bill. Mr Terence Dicks (Hayes and Harlington, C) said that, having heard the Government's case to the committee, he would not want the Department of Transport to build a bridge with his grandchild's legs.

Mr Den Dover (Chorley, C), a civil engineer, said that wind-shielding should be included.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said that the crucial question was whether the select committee's proposal had been right.

Were the bridge an isolated crossing, the answer might be yes. But with the tunnel alternative so close by, it was hard to

Litter check

The Government will monitor the Westminster City Bill, which gives that council power to introduce fixed penalties for creating litter, and if it is successful may use it as a model for national legislation, Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State for Environment, said during an adjournment debate on Monday night.

Docks Bill

The Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill, a private measure providing for expansion of the Suffolk port by the creation of three container terminals, was given a second reading in the House of Lords on Monday.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Scotland. Debate on Government expenditure plans 1988-89 to 1990-91. Lords (2.30): Debate on the need to reduce divisions in the community.

Correction

The debate on the 1986-87 report of the Name Commission was opened by the Earl of Cranbrook, not Lord McIntosh of Harrogate, as stated in later editions on February 18.



Lord Wyatt: Challenged by Lord Murray

Guidance to reactor inquiry inspector is rigged, say MPs

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A report on apparent government attempts to restrict the rights of objectors before the public inquiry into the proposed Hinkley Point pressurized water reactor in Somerset was published by a Tory-controlled Commons committee yesterday.

The report of the energy select committee was made available to MPs earlier this month and has already been the subject of angry Commons exchanges.

It centres on changes to the rules governing public inquiries which were implemented by the Department of Energy in January, just one day before the announcement of the Hinkley inquiry.

The Tory-controlled committee said this could "hardly be a coincidence", and pointed to substantial changes between the actual rules and the draft rules proposed in a consultation document issued a year earlier.

"All these changes tighten procedure in a way which enhances the position of the Central Electricity Generating Board and area boards. Although the Government consulted widely, it seems that it has paid particular attention to the arguments from what might be described as the

establishment side", the report said.

In the draft rules, for example, the inquiry inspector could decide who presented evidence first. In the actual rules the right is given to the CEB or area boards. In the draft rules 42 days notice had to be given of an inquiry. In the actual rules this has been reduced to 28.

The committee also condemns the Government's insistence that the part of its handbook on how inspectors should conduct inquiries should remain confidential, saying it could see "no good reason why this part of the handbook should not be in the public domain".

The handbook tells inspectors how they should interpret terms such as "irrelevant", "repetitious", "contrary to the public interest" and "disruptive" when considering types of conduct that should not be permitted at inquiries. Unless it was published "there will always be the natural suspicion that 'contrary to the public interest', for example, is equated with 'contrary to the Government's interests'".

The report concluded that objectors to the Hinkley Point

reactor will have much more restricted rights than those to Sizewell B, and demanded that ministers assure the Commons that anyone can put their views to an inquiry "irrespective of their financial or political muscle". The Government has not responded to its call for a full Commons debate.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, said in the Commons last week that the Sizewell inquiry had taken far too long. He wanted a full inquiry into the Hinkley Point reactor, but not "a tedious, repetitious inquiry in which people use the procedure to prevent a decision from being made". The new rules were not designed to prevent objectors from having a say, he said.

However Mr Rhodri Morgan, a Labour member of the committee, accused Mr Parkinson of "rigging the rules" of inquiries in favour of the CEB. Mr Alex Eadie, a Labour energy spokesman, claimed that the rules had been "slipped through" in an underhand manner.

Energy Committee: Electricity Generating Stations and Overhead Lines (Inquiry Procedure) Rules 1987 (Stationery Office: £2.70).

Judgement on vaccine reserved



Susan Loveday, the test-case plaintiff, aged 18, with her parents, John and Maura Loveday at their north London home yesterday. The case, costing taxpayers about £1 million, is thought to be the most expensive yet funded by legal aid (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Three expert witnesses produced by a drug company in defence of its whooping cough vaccine, which it says cannot cause brain damage, gave unreliable evidence, the High Court was told yesterday.

Mr Stanley Brodie, QC, counsel for Susan Loveday, whose parents allege she was permanently disabled by the vaccine, concluded his case by questioning the credibility of the principal witnesses of the Wellcome Foundation.

He said the evidence given by Dr John Stephenson, a paediatric neurologist from the Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow, was "somewhat confused". He was "quite evidently a partisan witness" whose evidence had been influenced by a row he had had with one of the leading critics of the vaccine.

Dr Richard Robinson, a paediatric neurologist at Guy's Hospital in London, had conceded that it could not be conclusively proved the vaccine was safe, but said his clinical experience led him to believe it probably was. His evidence, Mr Brodie said, was "intellectually arrogant".

Wellcome's chief witness, Dr Arwyn Griffith, the former deputy director of its research department, who has spent more than twenty years researching and defending the vaccine, was also attacked. "He is quite obviously someone who has a personal interest in this case," Mr Brodie said.

Mr Anthony Machin, QC, counsel for Wellcome, then made a final submission to the judge. He said that warnings issued by doctors were based on the assumption that the vaccine was dangerous. It was up to the court to decide that. Such warnings could not constitute evidence, as Mr Brodie had suggested.

Mr Machin said that there were a number of possible explanations for the apparent link between the inoculation and the convulsions. One was that the vaccine merely "brought forward" convulsions which the child would have suffered anyway at a later date. Judgement was reserved.

Whooping cough hearing adjourned after 63 days

Test-case may cost taxpayers £1m

By Paul Valley

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith retired yesterday to consider his verdict in what is thought to be the most expensive case ever paid for by legal aid in English judicial history.

He is expected to take until June to prepare his verdict on the matter of *Renton v Loveday*, the test-case for more than 200 children whose parents claim the offspring have suffered brain damage because of whooping cough vaccine.

The case, which has lasted for more than five months, will cost the taxpayer about £1 million, and will probably have involved even greater expense for the drug company concerned, the Wellcome Foundation. During 63 days of evidence the judge heard highly technical and lengthy evidence from 17 of the world's most eminent experts in immunology, neurology, epidemiology and paediatrics.

Many spent more than a week in the witness box.

Initially, the case was brought against a general practitioner, Dr George Renton, who was accused of negligence in administering pertussis vaccine to a baby, Susan Loveday, who later suffered permanent brain damage.

Wellcome volunteered to join Dr Renton as defendants in an attempt to protect the reputation of its vaccine,

which is used in many parts of the world. Mr Anthony Machin, QC, counsel for Wellcome, said that Susan Loveday had to prove that the vaccine was the cause of her brain damage.

Mr Stanley Brodie, QC, counsel for the brain-damaged girl, then called a series of expert witnesses who contended that since 1933 a substantial series of case histories had been built up in universities all over the world which showed that in

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rare cases — around one in 300,000 — the vaccine could cause brain damage.

A statistical survey by the Government indicated that there was a higher incidence of brain damage among vaccinated children than among those who went unvaccinated.

That, he said, was the accepted wisdom in the medical profession. So much so that in four countries, including the United States and Britain, governments had established vaccine compensation boards. In Germany, whooping cough vaccine had been removed from the list of recommended inoculations. In Japan, a new

vaccine had been developed.

Some countries had issued warning lists of "contra-indications" which said it was unwise to give the vaccine to children with a personal or family history of epilepsy or other neurological disorder, or who were ill at the time of vaccination, or who suffered an adverse reaction after the first injection.

But for every witness he called, Wellcome called another to testify that, whatever the conventional wisdom, these were not matters of total consensus.

In the end though Wellcome accepted that the vaccine could cause convulsions in certain vulnerable children, Mr Machin said it could not be definitively proved that these convulsions then caused brain damage.

Those unfortunate children who suffered permanently would have suffered anyway. The administration of the vaccine was an unhappy coincidence. The statistical survey was based on flawed data.

The judge, who at one point confessed that dealing with the complex medical issues was like "swimming through a sea of fog", was left with the difficulty of unscrambling three different kinds of truth which had woven themselves confusingly together throughout the proceedings.

His appeal came after the Crown Estate Commissioners were attacked for making decisions regarded as "erratic, unfair, secretive and often harmful to other interests". The Scottish Seaside Trust took the Government to task for supporting the commissioners over rulings on the locations and size of fish farms.

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Women's blighted careers

Qualifications of little help

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Most women who want to work can expect low-paid, low-skill, part-time jobs for many years to come, according to a leading employment specialist.

Even qualified women, such as nurses and teachers, who want to return to work after having families, will find themselves taking such jobs, Dr Peter Elias, principal research fellow at the Institute for Employment Research at Warwick University, told a London conference yesterday.

He said the gloomy forecast would continue in spite of expectations that by the end of the 1990s one in three jobs would be part-time and 85 per cent would be held by women.

The Equal Opportunities Commission issued a report yesterday which said many employers believed that if a job was boring, poorly paid and lacking prospects, it would be ideal for a woman.

The report, *Barriers to Fair Selection*, said stereotyped assumptions persisted. As a result, women were being recruited for low-grade, poorly-paid work.

Dr Elias told the conference that there had been big changes in employment in the

past 10 years, but the outlook for women was far from good. The growth in professional areas had benefited some women, but mostly it had benefited men.

The implications of the move towards low-skill, part-time work were that a big "family pool" of labour was required, and that meat mothers were returning to work after rearing children. However, jobs open to them were low in status and in pay.

He said: "How long can we continue to educate young women, raise their expectations and their hopes; tell them it's not a man's world and that they need not just become secretaries or work part-time; tell them they should gain qualifications and give them jobs until they have a family? Then, when they wish to return to work in part-time jobs or jobs with flexible working hours, which enable them to look after their families, only offer them employment that requires low skills and low pay."

Dr Elias said it was a waste of talent and of skills. Part-timers had little protection under employment laws. The public sector and local author-

ities, which should be giving a lead, were among the worst offenders.

He said part-time workers were more effective and efficient. Figures showed that absenteeism among part-time employees was almost nil. However, few companies provided part-time opportunities for senior, managerial or professional staff.

Dr Elias said that with the growth in the economy unemployment would fall to about two million. But he said: "It is impossible, impossible and inconceivable to believe that unemployment will ever fall below two million again."

The conference, organized by the Institute for International Research, was also told that time off work for looking after families should be available to men.

Mr Ian Sommerschildt, personnel manager at McDonnell Defence Systems, said the company provided women engineers with "career breaks" of up to five years. But they were required to work for 150 hours a year to keep up with changes.

Barriers to Fair Selection, by David L. Collinson (Stationery Office: £6.50).

Maternity leave ends in dismissal

A cosmetics company executive was dismissed after she took maternity leave, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Miss Rosemary Barnard, aged 32, a former air hostess, had worked her way up from being a beauty consultant to an accounts executive in five years with the Anglo-American company, Fashion Fair Beauty Products Ltd, of Finsbury, central London.

Mr Nicholas Yell, for Miss Barnard, said she had taken

six months' leave for the birth of her son. Mr Lance Clarke, the American managing director, had allowed a promotion manageress to take over her job of looking after 25 franchise contracts in Britain.

Mr Yell said Mr Clarke told Miss Barnard of her dismissal only after she wrote to tell him that she would return to work early. "No full explanation was given, nor was she offered a job in the hierarchy she had climbed through as one of 30 beauty consultants."

Mr Tony Peters, a company administrator, said: "The work was being done smoothly by one woman and the figures were going up. The other deciding factor was the other woman had been with the company five years longer than Rosemary."

Miss Barnard, of Edmonton, north London, has not worked since she was made redundant last April. The hearing at Bloomsbury in London continues today.

Train driver tells how four railmen died

A train driver yesterday told an inquest how he blew his horn and jammed on his brakes as his engine bore down on four British Rail workmen at 70 mph.

But Mr John Charge was unable to avoid hitting the men, killing them instantly. Mr Charge told the hearing at Wakefield, West Yorkshire, that he saw the men with their backs to him 200 yards away at Methley junction near Leeds.

"I was shocked when I saw what was in front of me. It was unusual they were still on the track as I approached", he said.

"I blew the horn to warn them but I got no response. The men didn't appear to move so I started blowing the horn again and putting the brake on. There was no reaction from the men whatsoever. There was no movement from them before impact."

"I hadn't a chance to stop. It was terrible. I was just transfixed."

The four who died were Mr James Lyons, plate fitter, aged 54; Mr Anthony Richards, ganger, aged 45; Mr Walter Bradley, track inspector, aged 43, all of Northampton, near Wakefield, and Mr Roy Wilkinson, aged 47, of Wakefield, near Wakefield.

The inquest continues.

Detective accused over files

By Michael Horsnell

A detective breached the Official Secrets Act when he used the Police National Computer to obtain details of criminal records which he then passed on to an unscrupulous private detective agency, it was alleged yesterday.

The Central Criminal Court was told that Detective Constable Kenneth White was caught after a disagreement between colleagues at the agency which led to a police inquiry.

Miss Ann Currow, QC, for the prosecution, said that Constable White, aged 39, was based at Hampsford police station, north-west London, when he was involved in a plot to leak information from the computer.

When German private detectives were trying to gather evidence in Britain of fraud against German nationals Michael Taylor, aged 27, also known as Carver, took advantage of the situation and set up International Security and Intelligence Services, a detective agency, in Regent Street, London.

He recruited Mr Mark Malloy, who had served for six weeks as a police cadet in 1979 so he could use contacts to obtain information from the computer.

Relations between Mr Taylor and Mr Christian Elliott, his company secretary, deteriorated to the point where Mr Taylor laid a complaint to the police. He produced lists of

previous convictions recorded on police files against two people.

Miss Currow said: "From that little acorn an enormous investigation grew because the police wanted to know how a member of the public had this sort of information."

It became clear that Constable White had been recruited by Mr Malloy for whom he had carried out unauthorised computer searches of known criminals and of the car registration index.

Constable White, of Watkinson Road, Holloway, north London denies conspiring to contravene Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act.

The trial continues today.

Fish farming 'under threat'

By Kerry Gill

Scottish fish farming is under threat from self-styled custodians of the environment who want to "preserve the Highlands in aspic", the industry's conference was told yesterday.

Mr Archie McCann, of the Highlands and Islands Development Board, attacked people who apparently had little interest in conserving communities.

He said: "We recognize and value the quality of the environment and its wildlife, but our most precious resource is people. Without them the rural areas would be little more than wasteland."

He told conference delegates in Inverness that fish

farming, with a workforce of more than 1000, had a key conservation role to conserve communities and bring long-term job security in the Highlands and Islands.

"Young families are staying in the area to work on fish farms, when 20 years ago they would have been forced to leave to find work", he said.

"The success so far achieved can be sustained and increased with careful development, planning, marketing and with proper consideration for the environment, as long as the interests of people are not sacrificed."

Mr McCann urged fish farmers to do more to highlight their importance.

His appeal came after the Crown Estate Commissioners were attacked for making decisions regarded as "erratic, unfair, secretive and often harmful to other interests". The Scottish Seaside Trust took the Government to task for supporting the commissioners over rulings on the locations and size of fish farms.

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Seamen from Nelson to nuclear age salute breeches-buoy

By Ronald Faux

When two yachtsmen were saved from a stranded vessel on the Ayrshire coast in August 1983, they became the last in a line of thousands of seamen who have owed their lives to the breeches-buoy.

The Scottish rescue was the last time the life-saving system, devised by a friend of Admiral Lord Nelson, was used in danger. With the announcement by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, that the breeches-buoy is to be withdrawn from HM Coastguard service, seafarers will have to rely on helicopters and lifeboats for rescue.

The breeches system has been used only twice in the past five years for the Scottish incident and the rescue of three fishermen from a boat stranded off the Isle of Man. It has been so reliably overtaken by technology that during the past two years, when lifeboats were launched 5,047 times and rescue helicopters called out 1,534 times, breeches-buoy rockets were fired only once. They were, however, deployed without use on 50 occasions.

The Department of Transport said yesterday: "The present rockets were nearing the end of their useful life. The cost of replacing

them, maintaining 200 miles of cordage and other equipment and keeping crews in training was considered prohibitive. There are now reliable alternative ways of getting people off wrecked ships."

The breeches technique was invented by George Manby, a life-long friend of Nelson, who perfected a mortar that would fire a shot and 500 yards of line attached to it from the shore. Over the next 50 years other rockets were developed, including the famous Boxer rocket, propelled by a double charge, which became standard life-saving equipment in 1865. It remained so until

after the Second World War.

Throughout the time of sailing ships and into the early years of steam, when ships were vulnerable to a lee shore, the breeches-buoy saved countless lives.

The system set up a line running on pulleys between stricken ship and shore. A pair of canvas trousers stitched into a life buoy were used as the harness in which stranded mariners were hauled to safety.

Coastguard officials said that modern vessels had reliable engines, satellite navigation systems and radar to steer by. If they went aground they stood up to a pounding

on the rocks more stubbornly than a wooden ship. In the old days there was no time to spare before a ship was totally destroyed. These days there is more of a margin.

Severe weather that might ground a helicopter would equally prevent the coastguard service from firing an untangled line to a stricken vessel.

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Marine's captors seized by militia

Tyre (Reuter) - The Shia Muslim Amal militia said yesterday that it had seized two of the kidnappers of Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins, the American Marine in charge of the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Lebanon.

"Six people have been arrested, but only two of them participated in the actual kidnapping of Colonel Higgins," Mr Daoud Daoud, Amal's military commander for the Tyre area, said. "We arrested a man who was carrying a letter from Beirut to the kidnappers here to move Colonel Higgins to Beirut. We were unable to capture the leader of the kidnappers although we know him by name."

He said Colonel Higgins was held either south of the Litani river, an area mostly under Amal's direct control, or in the Nabatieh district, north-east of Tyre. "If he is still in the area south of the Litani we will definitely be able to free him," Mr Daoud said, vowing to secure his release.

● Soldiers killed: Two Israeli soldiers died and two were injured when a bomb destroyed their tank near the border.

Royal Terror in sympathy Cuba jail

Kampala (AP) - The Princess Royal met President Museveni and visited hospitals and health clinics yesterday, hours after arriving for a 12-day tour of East Africa as president of the Save the Children Fund. She is the first member of the Royal Family to visit Uganda in 23 years.

She stopped at a clinic en route to Kampala to comfort a baby who had just been vaccinated. "You must feel like a pin cushion," she said.

● Cabinet reshuffle: President Museveni has appointed three Deputy Prime Ministers - Mr Eriya Kategaya, Mr Paul Semogerere and Mr Abubakar Mayanja - in a reshuffle partly aimed at supporting his ageing Prime Minister, Dr Samson Kisekka.

Geneva (Reuter) - The US Ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, Cuban-born Mr Armando Valladares, told a Commission conference yesterday of his 22 years of deprivation and torture as a political prisoner in Cuba, saying: "I know the taste of other men's urine and excrement." He called it an 8,000-day struggle to preserve his humanity.

The commission holds a six-week annual review of alleged human rights violations around the world. It relies on publicity to help improve human rights.

Shortly after the session opened on February 1, Cuban TV described Mr Valladares as a "fake and counter-revolutionary".

Honduras killings

Two leading members of a Honduran human rights group and a third man due to give evidence in a case against the Honduran Government at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica have reportedly been killed by Honduran death squads (Caroline Moorehead writes).

The killings, according to an Amnesty International report out today entitled *Honduras: Civilian Authority - Military Power*, suggest that Battalion 3-16, which ran death squads between 1981 and 1984 in conjunction with Nicaraguan Contras, may have been reactivated.

Falklands Hospital protest

Quito (Reuter) - Andean Foreign Ministers have condemned Britain's proposed military exercises in the vicinity of the Falkland Islands.

Speaking in the Ecuadorian capital before leaving for a meeting in the southern city of Cuenca to discuss political and economic integration in the Andean region, they said that they supported Argentina's sovereignty claims to the archipelago and opposed Britain's decision. The exercises, they said, would harm Latin American efforts towards harmony.

Hospital grenade

Beirut (Reuter) - A Lebanese Army officer visiting his sick sister in hospital dropped a hand grenade while playing with a child in a waiting room here yesterday, killing himself and injuring at least three people.

Police said the grenade exploded when it slipped from the hands of Lieutenant Issam Rahmech in east Beirut's Hayek hospital. The three injured included Lieutenant Rahmech's brother, Hani, an Army sergeant. A radio station identified three other wounded people as the officer's father, cousin and another woman.

Navy chief named

Washington - President Reagan yesterday nominated Mr William Ball, a White House legislative aide, as Navy Secretary (Mobsian Ali writes). He succeeds Mr James Webb, who resigned on Monday in protest against budget cuts by Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defense Secretary, which postpone completion of the aim of a 600-ship US Navy.

Mr Ball, aged 39, is a former assistant Secretary of State for legislative and inter-governmental affairs, and was a chief clerk of the Senate armed services committee.

Ministries clash over commando inquiry

By Tina Bower

The Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence have begun squabbling over who is responsible for investigating the wartime role of President Waldheim of Austria in the interrogation and execution of British commandos.

Despite the Prime Minister's assurance to Parliament last week that a top-level investigation by 16 MoD staff was under way, the controversy surrounding the destruction of wartime files and predictions that the current inquiry will prove inconclusive have turned the inquiry into a political hot potato.

A spokesman for the MoD said yesterday: "The Foreign Office is the lead department on this subject." But that view was countered minutes later by a Foreign Office counterpart, who explained: "The MoD is in charge of the review, but will liaise closely with us and other government departments as necessary."

The MoD spokesman, when challenged by the Foreign Office comment, declared adamantly: "I won't wear that. This is the normal

squabble. We sorted it out last Saturday. The East European desk in the FO is in charge, because they have the papers. The responsibility is firmly pinned down on them."

The Foreign Office reaction was equally forthright: "It is their material, their experts and their historical researchers who will do most of the work." Underlying the confusion of responsibility is an apparent lack of enthusiasm and expectation of anything new. The MoD seems certain that the results will be "just the same as in 1986".

Then, the ministry was asked to investigate the fate of the commandos but reported to the Prime Minister that there was no evidence linking Dr Waldheim with their deaths. The MoD team had apparently not discovered the existence of a Foreign Office file, dated 1948, concerning the death of Sub-Lieutenant Allan Tuckey, which was available at the Public Record Office. Nor had the ministry's investigators discovered that the Foreign Office had destroyed at least 20 other files.

It was on that basis that Lord Treigarn, the Minister of State for

Defence Procurement, had erroneously written to one relation that the six had possibly died "in attempting to swim to the mainland". Tuckey and five other members of a Special Boat Squadron group were executed in April 1944, by German soldiers after interrogation by intelligence officers in Salonika, where Dr Waldheim served.

As *The Times* revealed two weeks ago, all the files for the year 1950 concerning the results of the investigation into the deaths were destroyed in 1978.

According to the MoD spokesman yesterday, despite the Prime Minister's statement that the investigating team would number 16 officials, none will be "full-time". Asked to explain who was in overall charge, the MoD referred *The Times* back to the Foreign Office. Neither department plans to look for new documentary or oral evidence.

The MoD spokesman said: "We've got the historians' commission report and a new file from America (the so-called Alimnia File)."

Both departments confirmed that

their investigations would be hampered by the haphazard destruction of the Foreign Office's own files about the death of Tuckey.

Until now, the Foreign Office has stated that it has "no record" about what the 1950 file contained, and therefore cannot be sure that the Alimnia file was not included.

The chronology provided by the Foreign Office of the destruction of the Tuckey files has raised new questions. According to the Foreign Office, the file for 1947 was destroyed between 1974 and 1976. The files for 1948 were retained. The files for 1949 were destroyed "before 1958", while the 1950 files were destroyed in 1978.

The standard Foreign Office explanation for the destruction of the files, repeated by the Prime Minister, is that they were judged to be "of no historic interest".

But Foreign Office officials cannot explain why the 1948 file, which contains mostly inconsequential letters, should be judged to be "of historic importance" while the actual investigation into Tuckey's death, which was conducted over the

following two years, should have been judged "of no historic importance".

Mr Robert Rhodes James and other MPs have questioned whether the destruction was not part of a Foreign Office cover-up. Yesterday, Mr Rhodes James said: "Several former officials have written to me in the past days indicating that there was a policy of deliberately destroying evidence after 1945 to protect known war criminals, although the same documents might have been placed onto microfilm."

Since the Admiralty never investigated the fate of the commandos, the inquiry will be forced to rely on Foreign Office records to discover the content of the 1949 and 1950 files. There are only two sources. First, there are the officials responsible for ordering the destruction of the files. A Foreign Office spokesman stated on Sunday that the identity of the so-called "weeders" could be discovered.

Second, the investigators could attempt to reconstruct the contents of the files from the records of the Foreign Office registry.

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Pressure on Waldheim rises as MPs call for talks

Vienna (Reuter) - In another sign of falling support for President Waldheim, the Austrian Parliament called yesterday for reconsideration of a state ceremony at which he is due to speak.

The call for talks about a March 11 ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of Hitler's annexation of Austria followed an appeal by Socialists for coalition discussions about an alternative president.

"Several participants at this commemoration have already distanced themselves," the parliamentary president, Herr Leopold Gratz, told a news conference. "And so we must discuss whether it makes any sense."

Criticism of Dr Waldheim has sharpened considerably since a historical commission questioned his credibility and reported this month that he must have been aware of war crimes during service with the German Army.

Franz Freya Meissner-Bleu, leader of Austria's small Green Party, called yesterday for President Waldheim to resign before the March ceremony. She said Austria would be scorned and shamed worldwide if the Hofburg ceremony went ahead with him at the helm.

Even prominent members of the conservative People's Party (ÖVP) such as the Economics Minister, Herr Robert Graf, and the Vienna party chief, Herr Erhard Busek, have said the ceremony should be cancelled.

Dr Waldheim also is due to attend Parliament for the unveiling of a memorial plaque, but he will not speak. It will be the first time an Austrian head of state has not addressed a special sitting of both houses of Parliament.

The Socialist Party (SPO), the senior coalition partner, dealt a severe blow to President Waldheim on Monday with a thinly-veiled appeal for his resignation. "The current dreadful situation cannot continue," said the party's leader, Herr Fred Sinowatz, presenting a statement agreed unanimously by the party executive, including Chancellor Franz Vranitzky.

Although the People's Party led by the Foreign Minister, Dr Alois Mock, remains mostly loyal to the man it backed for the presidency, political analysts believe it could withdraw support if the Socialists promised it priority in selecting a successor.

● Monarchist protest: The grandson of Austria's last reigning monarch said yesterday that he and his father would demonstrate with their supporters in Vienna next month to show "there were people who resisted" Hitler's annexation of Austria in 1938 (A Correspondent writes).

Herr Karl Habsburg-Lothringen, aged 27, is the grandson of Kaiser Karl I who was deposed in 1918 following the end of the First World War.

Herr Habsburg-Lothringen is the son of Herr Otto von Habsburg, aged 75, a member of the European Parliament since 1979 and one of the first prominent Austrians in 1938 to denounce the annexation of Austria.

Mr Habsburg-Lothringen junior explained that the demonstration would commemorate the resistance of the Austrian monarchists, who, with the Communists, were the only groups initially to stand up to Hitler in 1938. "They were also the first shipped off to the concentration camps," he said.

French anti-terror drive



M Philippe Bidart, the alleged leader of the French Basque rebels, handcuffed to a policeman in Bayonne after his arrest at the weekend. The capture of M Bidart has prompted the hardline Minister for Security, Mr Robert Pandraud, to launch an offensive against the Corsican National Liberation Front (Philip Jacobson writes). M Pandraud said that he was ready to move on to Corsica "with the full force of the state's resources". According to government sources, a huge surveillance operation will soon be launched by what are usually described as "les services speciaux" - somewhere between ordinary police and the intelligence community - to identify key figures in the separatist group. Despite reservations among many Corsicans about the separatists' tactics it is almost unheard of for anyone to give information to the police. M Pandraud has decided to carry the fight into the enemy camp and has told local security authorities that the campaign must begin.

Shultz hopeful on peace mission

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State who is to leave on a mission to the Middle East tomorrow, said yesterday at Nato headquarters that he detected a "shift in attitudes" away from demands for "all or nothing" solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He said there were "some chances, even if small" that the American initiative might succeed, given "effort, time and patience".

The Secretary of State is making his journey to Israel, Jordan and Egypt against a background of weeks of violence in the occupied territories. The trip follows Washington's recent diplomatic efforts to advance a settlement based on Palestinian self-rule.

Mr Shultz admitted that there was "intense scepticism" about the mission,

adding: "I do not think many people give me much chance." But he also said that the American initiative has been welcomed.

Mr Shultz said the hardest obstacle was that each of the parties to the Middle East dispute had an extreme solution.

● TUNIS: A senior PLO official said yesterday that no Palestinian would meet Mr Shultz as long as Washington continued to play what he described as "a negative role" in the Middle East.

"The US Administration, by neglecting the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to the establishment of an independent state, is playing a destructive role which will lead to wider violence in the region," Mr Bassam Abu Sharif, an adviser to Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, said.

Russians face up to child abuse problem

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Widespread child abuse - encouraged by the popular notion that beatings - euphemistically called "birch cereal" - are permissible in rearing Soviet children is the latest taboo problem to be exposed by glasnost.

The silence on an all-too-frequent phenomenon has been lifted by the official daily, *Sovetskaya Kultura*, which carried a detailed report on the death of a girl aged four. Her parents were sentenced to 10 and 12 years in prison.

As a result of the case, which happened in the Tambov region, several officials who knew that the child was being regularly beaten but took no measures to prevent it were sacked. The assistant procurator also lost her job.

The paper quoted militia officials, who are taking part in a new study on child abuse, as saying that they run into the problem daily. They said court action against offending parents was generally feeble.

"The reason for the problem of child abuse is to be sought in every day family life," the paper said. "About half of all parents questioned in a survey maintained that children can and should be hit."

The article, which questioned values prevalent in many Soviet families, asked: "If beating children is acceptable, where should the line be drawn between 'appropriate' punishment and torture? And who is going to define that line if many of those whose job it is to do so are convinced that birch cereal is good for children in any form?"

The case concerns Tanya Perezhogina, who died two days after being admitted to her local hospital with severe injuries.

A hospital report noted "numerous festering abrasions on her face. Her left shoulder is enlarged ... an open cut in the corner of her mouth. Up to 45 abrasions found on her chest ... part of her left ear lobe amputated because of injury. Her three front teeth missing due to trauma..."

The youngest of three sisters, Tanya was beaten by both her parents regularly. Her mother, Tamara, was director of the local cultural centre and her father, Mikhail, a farm machine operator. Both were respected in the community but were known to beat their children.

Miss Tatyana Chesnova, the local health service official, had recorded signs of beatings long before the child's death. The mother, when criticized by neighbours and medical staff, became abusive, claiming that unlike other children in the village, hers were well behaved because she knew best how to bring them up.

Over two years before the child's death, Miss Chesnova saw that Tanya was being badly beaten and reported the parents to the chairman of the local Soviet (council).

The report said that for the remaining period of the child's life, her mother and father were under investigation, a coronial court was convened and witnesses called but the beatings intensified.

Israel investigates new burial story

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The Israeli Army yesterday opened another investigation into stories that two students from the Gaza Strip had been beaten and buried alive by troops.

The incident has been taken up by lawyers in Gaza, who have a sworn statement from Mr Adel Ali Massoud, aged 18, describing how he and another youth were arrested in

Jerusalem - Supported by both Labour and Likud MPs, Mr Chaim Herzog was elected for a second five-year term as President of Israel in the Knesset yesterday (Ian Murray writes). Likud supported him largely because of his decision to pardon Shmuel Ben Agai, involved in killing two Palestinians two years ago.

Khan Yunis on February 14 and taken to the beach near the Israeli luxury hotel at Gush Katif.

He said in the statement: "There they tied me to a Jeep and dragged me while driving fast. Afterwards they beat me again and buried me in the sand, filling my mouth with the sand also."

An army spokesman said yesterday that the military authorities had only just learnt of the story from newspaper reports, but an investigation was now in progress.

Inquiries into an earlier "burial" of four Palestinians with a bulldozer at Salem, near Nabulus, are nearly complete. Two soldiers, a private and a master sergeant, have so far been detained.

The Army is also investigating a weekend claim by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva that

three Palestinians have so far been beaten to death.

The Red Cross has handed a letter of protest to the Israeli mission in Geneva which claims that there are thousands of victims of Israeli brutality from the current disturbances.

The violence continued yesterday - a day that was meant to be reserved for quiet protest and hunger strikes - with reports that two Palestinian children, both of them aged 13, were shot dead.

One of the 13-year-olds was Mahmoud Hoshbeyh, from El Yamun, near Jenin, on the West Bank. He died as villagers tried to stop an army patrol coming in to arrest the suspected ringleaders of local disturbances.

The previous evening, a small patrol had been driven back by the combined fury of the villagers. Early yesterday morning, the troops returned in larger numbers. Two were injured in a hail of missiles before they opened fire, killing the boy and wounding four others.

Ten miles away, at Baka Sharquiya, a girl, Kawda Najeeb, was killed as she stood on her doorstep watching villagers pelting with rocks the car of a settler. He climbed out, fired, and she fell dead. The Army later detained a man for questioning.

A third death, that of Mr Adif Fayyad, aged 30, was also reported yesterday. The Army delivered his body to his home at Khan Yunis, in the Gaza Strip. He had been taken away wounded after a demonstration last Friday.

The three new deaths bring the official toll to 64 killed since the disturbances began,

Pipeline documents released Meese rides out storm

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Edwin Meese, the embattled US Attorney General, has insisted again that he will not resign after the release of a secret memorandum detailing proposed payments of \$700 million (£437 million) over 10 years to Israel from an Iraqi pipeline project.

Mr Meese has told friends that he intends to ride out the storm created by the latest disclosure, despite a growing feeling in Republican circles that he has become a severe political liability.

The memorandum to Mr Meese from his friend, Mr Robert Wallace in September 1985, detailed an "arrangement" with Mr Shimon Peres, then Israeli Prime Minister, that his own party would receive part of the money once the pipeline was built.

The document, declassified on Friday, does not give new details of the abortive project

but it confirms what has been reported: that Mr Meese was given a full account of a plan to countenance payment to Israel by an intermediary who would have benefited from the pipeline.

Mr Meese has insisted that he did not infer any suggestions of bribery from the memorandum and that he acted entirely lawfully in the affair. His lawyer said that rather than being incriminating evidence, it showed Mr Meese's actions were "entirely lawful and correct".

Nevertheless, with another independent prosecutor investigating Mr Meese's personal involvement in the deregulation of the telephone industry, in which he had shares, the pipeline affair is an added embarrassment.

The memorandum seems most damaging to Mr Peres. The Israeli Prime Minister

wrote a letter, which Mr Wallace delivered to Mr Meese, saying he wanted to talk to Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, about the pipeline project. In another memorandum, also released on Monday, Mr Wallace said Mr Peres was "sensitive to the letter which he sent" and wanted it back if the US did not give a high-level response.

The money was to guarantee that the Iraqi pipeline, to be built by the Bechtel Group and terminating at Aqaba in Jordan, was not attacked by the Israelis.

● JERUSALEM: Mr Peres, Israel's Foreign Minister, has categorically denied any knowledge of a deal to pay him, his Labour Party or Israel itself substantial sums of money in return for an undertaking not to bomb the proposed pipeline (Ian Murray writes).

'Killing of Debbie' sparks medical ethics row in America

From Charles Bremner, New York

Debbie was 20 and dying of cancer. "It was a gallow's scene, a cruel mockery of her youth," wrote the doctor who was called to her hospital bedside in the middle of the night. "Her only words to me were, 'Let's get this over with'."

The doctor injected Debbie with 20 milligrammes of morphine and "watched to see if my calculations on its effects would be correct... With clocklike certainty, within four minutes, the breathing rate slowed even more, then became irregular, then ceased... It's over, Debbie."

The first-person account of the killing of Debbie, published in the *Journal of the American Medical*

Association, has raised a storm in the world of medical ethics and sparked a legal battle between the journal and Chicago prosecutors.

On Monday, the Chicago-based *Journal* refused to court to hand over papers that would help the prosecutor, Mr Richard Daley, to identify the doctor who wrote the essay and determine whether a crime had been committed. At the same time, medical experts are questioning whether the incident ever took place.

Dr George Lundberg, the editor of the *Journal*, says he knows the identity of the author, who described him or herself as a gynaecologist resident at a private hospital. The essay arrived through the mail and was published anonymously - over the objections of several members of

staff - in a section devoted to personal commentary.

But Dr Lundberg says the *Journal* cannot vouch for the truth of the story, a fact criticized by rival medical editors. Dr Arnold Reiman, the editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, said: "We don't publish articles anonymously."

The article certainly achieved the aim of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* of prompting fresh debate about euthanasia, a topic about which the medical profession seems more uneasy than the American public. A recent opinion poll by the Harvard Community Health Plan suggested that only 38 per cent of the public thought it was wrong for a doctor to comply with a patient's wish to end

his or her life while 66 per cent of physicians were opposed.

Like their colleagues elsewhere, American doctors are increasingly faced with deciding when to end life support for terminally ill patients - actions amounting to passive euthanasia - but none has publicly described such a deliberate act of "mercy killing".

The shocking aspect of the Debbie story was the speed of the doctor's decision. The article said he, or she, had never met Debbie before and responded to her single request.

"I retreated with my thoughts to the nurses' station. The patient was tired and needed rest. I could not give her health, but I could give her rest," the physician wrote.

Even the Hemlock Society, a

California group promoting euthanasia, said the speed and spontaneity of the doctor's action was shocking. "People say, 'Let's get this over with,' when the doctor comes in to draw blood. That's not a request for death," Mr Derek Humphry, its director, told *The New York Times*.

The *Journal's* sister publication, *American Medical News*, argues that the Debbie case was fiction. Dr Matthew Connolly of the University of California at Los Angeles, said the morphine dose would not have caused death in five minutes.

In statements since the Debbie story was issued last month, the American Medical Association said it is opposed to active euthanasia and that the *Journal* does not necessarily reflect its position.

Unrest in Armenia

TV plea for calm after thousands demonstrate

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin is facing a serious outbreak of nationalist unrest in the southern republic of Armenia where the Communist Party leader, Mr Karen Demirchyan, went on television on Monday to appeal for calm after four days of mass street demonstrations over ethnic issues and pollution.

Confirming reports of the unrest, he told viewers that demonstrators had called for the closure of two chemical plants and demanded the renunciation of a predominantly Armenian area of the neighbouring Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan with Armenia.

Armenia is the smallest of the 15 republics which make up the Soviet Union.

Journalists on the Armenian party daily, *Kommunist*, explained by telephone from Yerevan that the party leader, yesterday, had declared that the authorities were considering the question of the chemical plants, but that the nationality issue was not open for discussion.

The severity of the situation was highlighted last night, when the party's Central Committee in Moscow took the unusual step of issuing a special statement calling on the local authorities in both Armenia and Azerbaijan to "safeguard public order and the strict observance of socialist laws".

The two-page statement flatly ruled out any revising of the republican boundaries to meet the demands of the Armenian nationalists who are seeking the return of the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region of Azerbaijan which belonged to Armenia before the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. Some 95 per cent of the population in the region are Armenians.

Without indicating the extent of the disturbances, the Central Committee stated that "breaching of public order was provoked as a result of irresponsible calls by extremist individuals". An order to the local party leaders said: "All work should proceed from the premise that the nationalities issue demands close and constant attention to national peculiarities, psychology and consideration for the vital interests of the working people."

Local sources in the republic said several thousand people had taken part in the

demonstrations outside government buildings and the opera building in Yerevan, with many carrying slogans reading "One people, one republic."

The Armenian demonstrations come less than a week after Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, expressed concern to the Central Committee about the wave of ethnic unrest inside the Soviet Union and called for a special plenary session to devise ways of coping with it.

The demonstrations began last week, when the authorities tried to open a new synthetic rubber factory at Abovyan, about nine miles from the capital, to replace one in Yerevan which they had pledged to close, but which was still operating.

Air pollution is a highly sensitive issue in Armenia. In 1986 a group of 350 Armenian intellectuals addressed an open letter to Mr Gorbachev calling for immediate action to eliminate serious health problems which they attributed to toxic emissions from chemical plants and leaks from a nuclear power station.

Recent visitors to Yerevan have reported that because of the severity of the air pollution, it is often impossible to see the Mount Ararat in Turkey, the spot 30 miles away where Noah's Ark is supposed to have been deposited in the flood.

According to Yerevan residents, the demonstrators from Abovyan began the disturbances when they marched on the capital bearing petitions against the opening of the new plant. They were reported to have secured at least a temporary victory by getting its opening postponed.

The protesters complained that the old factory was still working, endangering health and threatening historic buildings. The protests followed a recent pattern in the Soviet Union where campaigning on environmental issues has greatly increased.

The marchers were then joined by nationalist demonstrators seeking the immediate return of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The situation between the republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan has been traditionally tense because the Armenians are devoutly Christian, while the Azerbaijanis are Shia Muslims.

Border dialogue leads nowhere

From Gavin Bell, Panmunjom

Major-General Li Tae Ho of the (North) Korean People's Army evidently did not enjoy the film show. He had been compelled to watch a video recording of Kim Hyon Hui confessing she had destroyed a South Korean plane with 115 people on board last November on the orders of Pyongyang. He was not amused.

"This is an intolerable provocation and challenge to us," he informed United Nations Command officers at a meeting in the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas yesterday. General Li explained that South Koreans had blown their own aircraft out of the sky "to suppress and divide democratic forces" engaged in the country's presidential election campaign.

Whether the People's Army commander actually believed that assertion was impossible to say. Certainly Rear-Admiral William Pendley, of the US Navy who heads the UN Command delegation, did not think so.

"We did not come to this table today to listen to trumped-up propaganda... We came here to discuss the very serious issue regarding your brutal and unjustified

terrorist attack." He may as well have been addressing an empty room.

The exchange typified the repetitive nature of such encounters at the Military Armistice Commission. It is essentially an intermittent dialogue of the deaf, a ritual exchange of prepared insults that leads nowhere.

The admiral admitted as much after the three-hour debate ended. "We are ready to come here at any time and

work on real issues to reduce tension. But I am not willing to call a meeting to provide a backdrop for more of the same, because that, quite frankly, is a waste of everyone's time. It does not help reduce tensions here, but if anything raises the rhetoric level."

Part of the problem, he suggested, was the presence of large numbers of journalists. Brigadier Tim Hackworth of Britain, representing the Commonwealth, made the important point, however,

that as long as the two sides were talking they were not shooting at each other.

The UN Command had the privilege of the closing remarks. They were: "You should cease using this forum for your distorted propaganda and work together with the UNC to implement the armistice and preserve peace on this peninsula. I agree to your proposal to recess this meeting." The last sentence was the only point of accord in the entire proceedings.

Battle erupts in Seoul as students protest



Sri Lanka gunmen kill temple guards

Colombo (Reuters) - Gunmen raided Sri Lanka's ancient capital of Anuradhapura and shot dead two soldiers guarding one of its oldest Buddhist temples, military officials said yesterday.

The banned Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (or People's Liberation Front) was blamed for the attack on Monday night at Isurumuniya, a temple built in the third century. The gunmen stole ammunition and an automatic rifle in the raid. The organization opposes the Sri Lankan-Indian peace effort.

Workers rest

Addis Ababa (AFP) - Six foreign aid workers released by rebels in Ethiopia's Tigray province are "resting" in the Eritrean provincial capital of Asmara, sources said. The six were unharmed during their four days in captivity.

Bengalis shot

Dhaka - Suspected tribal guerrillas shot dead five ethnic Muslim Bengalis and injured six others in Bangladesh's Chinagong Hill Tracts Province, police reported.

Drugs bust

Chicago (Reuters) - American authorities seized £1.1 billion worth of heroin smuggled into the country from Thailand in seven seizures.

The Afghan war

Soviet massacre in hillside haven

From Edward Gorman, Peshawar

On the morning of January 16 the people of Kolaigh were panicking. They could hear a Soviet armoured column approaching and were pleading desperately with guerrillas staying in the village to leave.

They told the leader of the 300 men, passing through on their way to Takhar and Badakhshan in the north, that the Soviet soldiers would kill them and their children if the village was found to be harbouring Mujahidin.

Until then, Kolaigh - a beautiful hillside village of 200 mud-and-timber houses about 17 miles west of Ghazni in Pakia province had escaped the ravages of the eight-year war, and had become a safe haven from Soviet bombing.

But all that was to change a month ago. Afghan Ahmad Masoud is an Afghan, aged 21, from Pakia who was in Kolaigh that day.

He said: "I came to this village two days before the killing. The Mujahidin column arrived at midnight on the second day."

"In the morning, at about 18am, Russian tanks surrounded the village. When the Mujahidin heard the tanks, they left the village because the people told them. 'If you stay and fight we will lose our life, and we will lose our property and our children.'"

Mr Masoud recently returned from the province with his father, Mr Ghulana Nakh, to tell the story of Kolaigh - bringing him with a chilling photographic record of the deaths at Soviet hands and an eloquent account of the fear which the presence of the Mujahidin can provoke.

In fluent English, Mr Masoud explained what happened next. "The Mujahidin moved to the edge of the village to hide in the ravines and along the walls of the canal. I was taken to a secret place near the mosque in the centre of the village."

"The Afghan and Soviet

troops began a house-to-house search. Within an hour, they had found 13 guerrillas of the Badakhshan group. They were unarmed. The Afghan soldiers bound their hands with turbans, and took them to the mosque where they submitted them to Russian soldiers.

"The Russians shot down two in front of Muhammad Usman's house next to the mosque and took the others inside. They collected rockets and missiles and two Russian

Rome (AP) - *La Stampa* said yesterday that the head of Afghanistan's diplomatic mission in Italy had defected. The Foreign Ministry would not comment on the newspaper's report that Mr Mohamed Nazir Fedaii, the Charge d'Affaires, aged 43, and his wife were flown to another European country with the help of US agents.

misses, and piled them inside the mosque next to the rebels. They took an electric line from the mines to their tank, and then they exploded them."

Mr Masoud said that nine men were killed, either by the force of the explosion or suffocated under the weight of rubble. Mr Muhammad Nazir's house next door was also destroyed. Seven children inside - two of Mr Nazir's nephews, and his five children, including a girl aged nine months, were suffocated to death. Twenty minutes later, the Soviet forces left.

The two surviving guerrillas were brought out to Pakistan. One has burns to his face and the other, now being treated in the International Red Cross hospital here, broke both legs.

ISLAMABAD: The Mujahidin have stepped up attacks in Kabul, Western diplomatic sources said yesterday (AP reports). At least 18 explosions were heard during the past week in the Afghan capital, including one in the Soviet Embassy compound.

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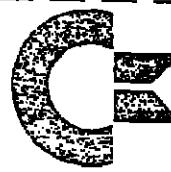
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Kenyan elections

Minister loses seat after first round of voting by queue

From Andrew Backoke, Nairobi

A Cabinet member was one of the first political victims of Kenya's controversial new vote-by-queueing system, according to partial results released yesterday.

Mr Henry Kosgey, the Culture and Social Services Minister, lost his seat in the western constituency of Tindiret under a rule that allows candidates with at least 70 per cent of the first-round vote to contest the general election on March 21 unopposed.

Voters cast their ballots in Monday's first round by lining up behind a picture of their chosen candidate.

Mr Kosgey drew criticism for his management of the All-Africa Games in Nairobi last year, and last month upset leaders of Kambui, the sole ruling party, by missing the funeral of a close aide to President Moi.

Mr Paul Ngei, the Livestock Development Minister and a Cabinet member since independence in 1963, narrowly escaped elimination in his eastern constituency of Kangundo with 31 per cent of the vote against 69 per cent for

General Jackson Mulinge, the former Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces.

One of his colleagues who fared well under the new system was Mr Josephat Karanja, the Assistant Minister for Science and Technology. At one polling station, five people lined up behind one photograph, 20 chose a second — and about 1,000 plumped for him. It was a similar story throughout his Mathare Valley constituency. According to figures published yesterday, he got 91 per cent of the vote.

There are no confirmed official results yet, but it appears that at least 30 of the 188 constituencies will be similarly uncontested at the next stage.

Mathare Valley is Nairobi's best-known slum area, with thousands of people living in makeshift corrugated iron shacks, so stronger opposition might have been expected against a candidate so obviously part of the elite.

But one voter explained he was voting for Dr Karanja

because "he is a good man. He gave us water".

Candidates are judged by their success in extending public services to constituents.

In Monday's preliminaries, only the nation's 4.3 million party members could vote. In the general election, to be held by a secret ballot, all the 5.6 million Kenyans who registered as voters — out of a population of 25 million — may participate.

It is clear that queuing is not the only way to vote with your feet. At some polling stations on Monday, there were nearly as many people outside watching as inside taking part.

Many Kenyans do not believe it makes much difference for whom they vote, since power so clearly resides in the President's office rather than Parliament. Though final turnout figures are not yet available, it appears that well under 50 per cent of party members voted. But the authorities are insisting on treating the exercise as a success.

Kasparov puts pupils to test



Garry Kasparov, the world chess champion, making a move in one of 60 simultaneous games he played in New York against students from the city's schools chess programme.

Poll contenders in Transvaal tussle to woo Afrikaners

From Michael Hornsby, Standerton, South Africa

Posters for Mr Rooster de Ville, the bespectacled, avuncular lawyer who is the candidate of the right-wing Conservative Party in the recently awarded all-white by-election in this Transvaal town on March 2, proclaim: "Our people's struggle is my struggle".

In what is seen as a crucial test of an apparently rising tide of support for the Conservative Party in the Transvaal, the placards of Mr Henne Erasmus, another lawyer, who represents President Botha's National Party, counter with "NP builder — CP wrecker".

When Mr de Ville speaks of "our people", he has in mind not the people of South Africa as a whole, nor even whites in general, but those Afrikaner-speaking whites who see their survival threatened by the Government's modest relaxation of apartheid and offer of "power-sharing" to blacks.

Standerton, set amid maize and sunflower fields on the flat high veld two hours' drive south-east of Johannesburg, occupies an emotive place in Afrikaner political history. It was here that General Jan Smuts was defeated in 1948 when the Nationalists ousted his United Party alliance of Afrikaner and English-speaking interests.

Forty years on, the Nationalists are going all out to recapture a seat which they lost after 39 years to the Conservatives, the new voice of Afrikaner nationalism, at the general election last May.

Here, in microcosm, is the Afrikaner family feud in all its bitterness and division. Afrikaners call it a *broedertwis* (quarrel between brothers), and for Mr Attie Treurnicht, candidate of the Herstigte Nasionale Party and the third contestant in the by-election, it is literally that — he is the younger brother of Dr Andries Treurnicht, leader of the Conservative Party.

"We do not regard the CP as a right-wing party. We see it as a centrist party, while the NP has gone so far to the left that it has virtually taken over the policies of the FPF (a reference to the Liberal Progressive Federal Party)," he says.

The younger Treurnicht cannot expect to pick up more than a few hundred votes here on March 2 against the well-organized election machines of his rivals, but these ballots could play a crucial role by splitting the right-wing vote and letting the mainline Nationalist candidate back in.

The Standerton constituency stretches from the south-eastern approaches to Johannesburg to the Natal border, and includes several other small towns. The 22,500 predominantly Afrikaner-speaking voters are mainly mineworkers, power-station employees, farmers and small businessmen.

Mr de Ville won the seat last May, turning a government majority of 2,151 into a Conservative majority of 952. The by-election came about because the Nationalist Party discovered that he had held the post of deputy sheriff at the time of the election and

Johannesburg. (Reuters) — South Africa's unusually high level of casualties in Angola could mean Pretoria has set more ambitious targets in its latest intervention in the civil war, military experts say. The Army announced yesterday that three soldiers died in southern Angola at the weekend, bringing to about 35 the number of men killed since September. It also said a pilot was missing after his plane was shot down on Saturday.

was thus technically ineligible to stand for Parliament.

A popular figure who has lived in the area for more than two decades, Mr de Ville is confident that he can expand the Conservatives' majority to at least 2,000.

Mr Erasmus, a burly rugby enthusiast trying to get into Parliament for the first time, admits that he faces a tough battle, but claims that canvassing returns show his party marginally ahead.

Standerton, which has one main street, is bracing itself for possible trouble tomorrow when President Botha and Dr Treurnicht are to address political meetings in schools at opposite ends of the town.

Rowdies belonging to the extreme right-wing extra-parliamentary Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (Resistance Movement), of which some Conservative MPs are members, last month tried to break up a Standerton election meeting addressed by the Minister of National Education, Mr F.W. de Klerk. Similar conduct tomorrow could damage the Conservatives' chances.

If the party, which is also defending Schweizer-Reneke, another rural Transvaal constituency on March 2, does increase its majorities, the Government will be forced even further on to the defensive than it is at present.

Letter from Hong Kong

Decadent bride losing her nerve

Three am in the Summer Dream Lounge, an all-night singalong bar in the heart of Kowloon's ritzy Caimshat East, and a Hong Kong Chinese commodities broker delivers his judgement on Hong Kong's dilemma in the run up to 1997, when Britain hands over the territory to China.

"It's feudalism versus liberalism," he said with an air of finality. "Maybe I'll emigrate to Canada."

Hong Kong is feeling the increasing effect of a politically induced brain-drain that is affecting its economy at almost every level. At stake is more than confidence over how China will honour its promise to grant Hong Kong a high degree of autonomy. The question is whether the younger, largely westernized professional middle class can loosen the hold of wealthy civic and business leaders, often of older generations, who see Hong Kong's future through China's eyes.

With no open elected forum for debate and no history of dissent to guide them, fears for the future are expressed more in flight than fight. In history's most ambitious arranged marriage the decadent bride has got the jitters.

Officially there is no crisis. But available emigration figures dispute that. Last year Canada, Hong Kong's leading choice, issued more than 22,000 immigrant visas compared with 8,800 in the previous year. Canadian officials say that the sudden rise is the result of backlogs in the system after Canada reopened its doors in 1986. However, a significant number of applications were from entrepreneurs and business investors.

Australia expects to issue between 8,000 and 10,000 visas this year. The United States increased its annual quota for Hong Kong born residents, mainly family reunion cases, from 600 to 3,000 from last October.

The Hong Kong Government does not release sensitive immigration data, but the leading indicator, the number of Hong Kong residents applying for the essential certificate of no criminal conviction, leapt from 23,063 in 1985 to 53,471 last year.

Executive recruitment firms confirm that the emigration

problem is altering the contours of Hong Kong's labour market even as demand for Hong Kong Chinese executives grows.

"Companies are demanding local Chinese people instead of expatriates for executive positions," said Mr Scott Gemmell, senior consultant at Deloitte Haskins & Sells. "We're having to go overseas to bring back Hong Kong Chinese. They are the most stable people we can find because they have the passport and they're not worried about 1997 any longer."

On the ground, immigration is hard to avoid. Local slang fancifully describes emigration permutations, and one Vancouver area popular with women fulfilling residence requirements while their husbands work in Hong Kong is known as "Widow Street".

Immigration is nothing new in a city where most middle-aged people were born in China; last year 27,000 arrived legally from China while a similar number were caught near the border and sent back.

Three years ago, after the signing of the 1997 agreement, emigration was regarded as treachery, according to Mr T.S. Lo, a former senior government adviser and the founder of Hong Kong Freedom of Movement and Rights of Abode. China's attitude has changed, but analysts note there is no long-term way of stemming the emigration tide.

Ironically, Hong Kong's economy is exceptionally buoyant: the colony is the world's busiest container port and double-figure GDP growth is expected to be announced next week. The average person in Hong Kong is about 35 times more wealthy than his Chinese counterpart. Unemployment is less than 2 per cent. Yet, when pressed, the commodities broker still expresses freedom of choice in economic rather than political terms; he wants a better, more secure life for his children.

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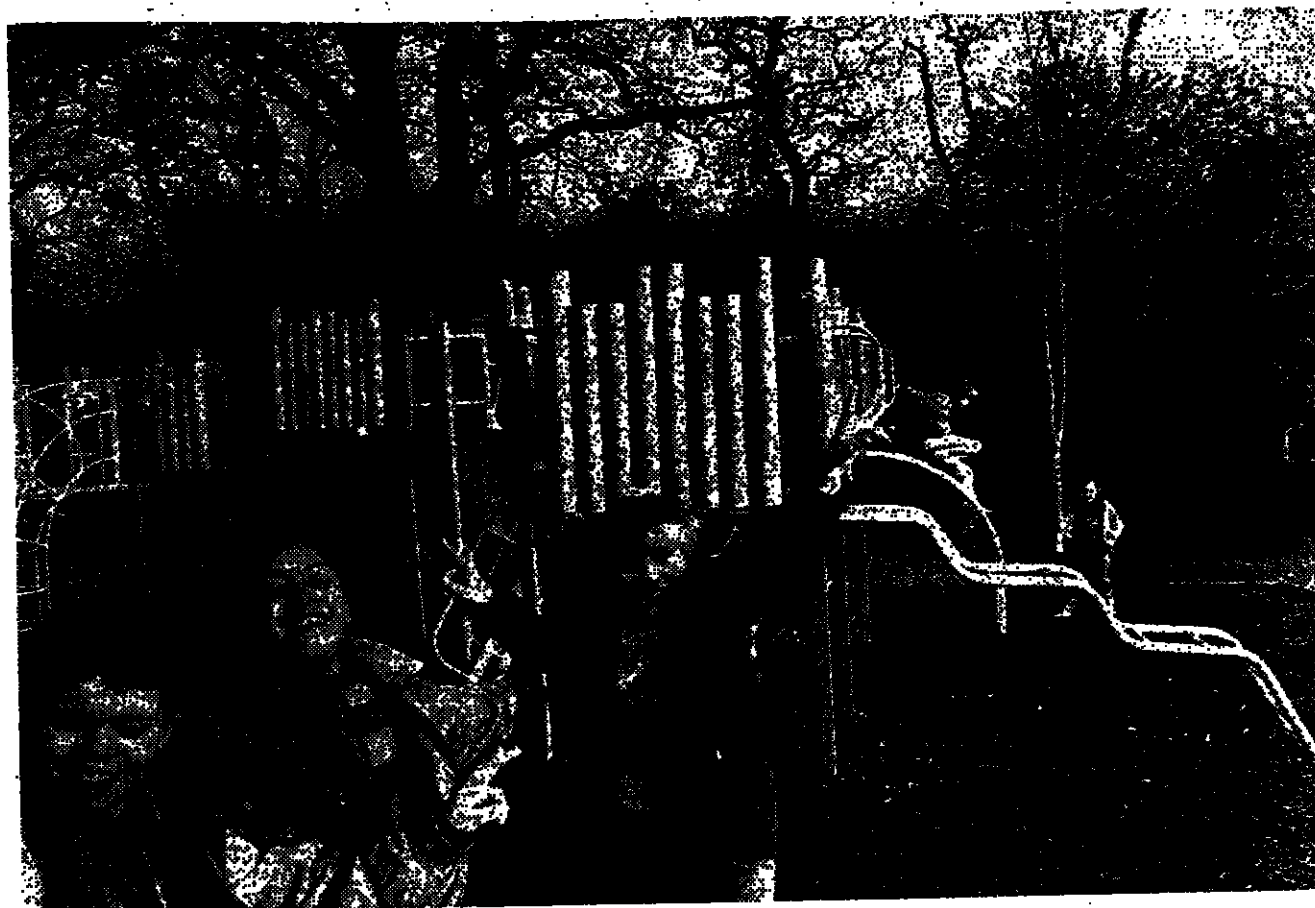


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A load on your mind?

Do modern 'labour-saving' appliances create more work than they eliminate? Victoria McKee meets an author who pulls the plug on the advertising myth

Do you swear by (not at) your food processor, insist that you could not live without a dishwasher and boast that microwave and freezer have freed you from hours of drudgery?

Or is there, simmering in your subconscious, a half-baked suspicion that household technology is turning into a tyrant — all the more powerful for being such a seductively benevolent despot?

This week, as the electrical industry begins its biennial bash, BELEX, in Harrogate, where magnetic induction cookers which sense when the food is ready and schizophrenic washing machines with not just one but two electronic memories will be unveiled, a book is published which exposes the tyranny of such technology.

Christina Hardymont's *From Mangle to Microwave*, published tomorrow, should set sparks flying in the electrical industry — and create static in other quarters, too.

Hardymont, a mother of four who lives in a "two up, two up, two up and two up" Victorian home in Oxford, believes that the gleaming gadgets which the advertisements convince us that we need have turned us into their slaves.

"Washing machines permit you to do daily, instead of weekly, laundries. Vacuum cleaners and rug shampooers remind you that you do not have to live with dust or countenance a stain on the carpet," she writes. "Each of them — the dishwasher, the hot warmer, the freezer, the blender — is the material embodiment of the task, a silent imperative to work."

Far from lessening the load, the "efficient" machines have created impossible standards for the housewife. Hardymont argues, "made it very hard to combine an ambition to work outside the home with a feeling of satisfaction in one's role as a good home-maker."

A slim, sandy-haired woman who looks a decade younger than her 42

years, Hardymont read history at Cambridge and began working on the book in the 1970s; meanwhile, she published a treatise on the history of childcare, *Dream Babies*.

The new book was going to be called *Women's Work*. "Then my publisher pointed out that if you want to sell a book these days it has to have either sex or microwave in the title."

She scorns microwaves — although she did once possess a mangle. While there is a dishwasher in her country kitchen, it is the only modern appliance she will countenance in a room dominated by an Aga and a wall of old Staffordshire china. Her writing hut at the bottom of the garden is heated by an antiquated wood-burning stove and she often works by candlelight — on her Apple computer.

"If you have a dishwasher people no longer offer to wash up for you," she points out, over coffee heated up in a cast iron saucepan on the Aga. "These machines have merely increased a woman's responsibilities and made life easier for men and children."

Her husband, Tom Griffiths, a publisher, and her four daughters, ranging in age from eight to 14, are wonderful, she hastens to add. The girls sort out their own laundry when she brings it back from the local service launderette once a week. "I think children are happier in the end if they have duties as well as rights and they can be an important workforce."

But surveys in this country have shown that few women can expect real help in the home from their partners. *Working Mother*, an American magazine, reports that most of its readers appreciate time-saving technology precisely because they do not get much help from their families.

"I think there's a lot of re-thinking to be done," Hardymont reflects. "It's my perpetual struggle,



At home in an old-fashioned kitchen: Christina Hardymont says appliances are 'a silent imperative to work'

trying to equate my desire to work with having four children and wanting to create a homely home. It's quite difficult to lean on your husband, even if he doesn't seem to mind."

Hardymont's ideal, as expressed in her book, is that "properly paid professionals can take over the drudgery of domesticity, and leave men and women enough time to make their house a satisfying home". She hires a professional cleaning service to go through the house once a fortnight. "Three of them come, bringing all their own equipment, for one and a half hours and it costs me £28.50. I like the fact that they're professionals who just get on with the job, not an old retainer who needs to be humoured and given cups of tea and who becomes just one more person to need nurturing."

As far back as 1921, Edith Havellock Ellis suggested that a solution to the "servant question" might be to put domestic service on a professional, trade basis. Hardymont quotes her as saying: "If every woman could have a minimum instead of a maximum of domestic spider-threads tugging at her brain year in year out, through the municipalization of laundries, bake-houses and kitchens, and restaurants worked under well-trained and methodical civil servants, just imagine what a new life would be on earth. Woman's

'These machines have merely increased a woman's responsibilities'

equality would be established almost as much by this as by her economic independence...

Women who don't work outside the home, Hardymont says, do more work at weekends than those who do. "It's an exhibitionist tendency, to prove how hard they're working in the home all week long," she says. Those "spider-threads" have not been removed any more efficiently by the electronic vacuum cleaner than the Victorian feather duster, she maintains.

Yet she confesses to a nostalgic affection for some of the now forgotten household gadgets of the past — like the Siemens Vortex vacuum, a permanent installation with sockets in the walls of each room (a 1911 advertisement for which is shown in the book, with a frilly-capped housemaid telling her mistress: "Now you've this, m'am,

I'll stay"); or the Victorian wave-effect bath which was a pleasant precursor to the Jacuzzi.

It is the expensive, obsolescent machines of the 1980s she despises. "It's pernicious — we are perpetually seduced into thinking we have to have something new."

What we really want, Hardymont maintains, is machines that will look after us. To her that means the Aga. "It's sensual, you can lean up against it and be warm, and good food comes out of it." The concept of Thorn EM's "home of the future", which can electronically control everything from the baby alarm to the bathwater, appals her.

If we could stop being dazzled by technology long enough to see things clearly, Hardymont is confident that we would realize that what we are experiencing is a social phenomenon rather than a personal failing. "If it was made public that there is a general domestic problem, not an individual one, we could look to new and unconventional ways of solving it and not blame each other," she says. "At the moment there is a huge amount of resentment between husbands and wives over what needs to be done and who should do it."

From *Mangle to Microwave*, by Christina Hardymont, published tomorrow by Polity Press (£15)

Hope, but no glory

Saira Essa has been accepted by the white liberal Press in South Africa. But acceptance alone is not enough

When South African police broke into Saira Essa's home in a white suburb of Durban two years ago, they were searching for evidence of the colour of her skin. A neighbour had telephoned them in a panic that morning, saying that she had spotted two "non-whites" eating breakfast in the window.

Essa and her husband Charles Pillai are both Asian: they had left for work — she to the drama school and theatre that she runs, he to his law practice. To the police's irritation, they found none of the usual features of Hindu life, no oil guard lamps or devotional areas, no saris hanging in the wardrobe.

When they eventually established her race and discovered that the house had been bought in the name of a white nominee, they offered her a permit to stay in return for an affidavit that she was the caretaker. She refused.

Mysteriously, the prosecutor dropped the charges. Essa is convinced that her celebrity status saved her home, as it has thus far preserved the black theatre company she founded. At 31 she has been the subject of newspaper profiles for almost a decade and was voted woman of the year, for "outstanding contribution to 'relevant' theatre", by Johannesburg *Star* readers last year.

Tonight *You Can't Stop the Revolution*, which centres on life in the black townships, has its European premiere at the Young Vic. "I was told that it could get me 10 years in prison, but we were allowed to go ahead. For the time being the authorities don't seem to want the outcry."

Essa's eschewal of the sari has undoubtedly helped engage the sympathy of the white liberal Press, but not enough to grant her entry into the mainstream of the white acting profession in South Africa. Born and brought up in a town called Nigel in the Transvaal, she was prevented by the colour bar from joining her local arts council or the broadcasting networks and was forced to travel to

Johannesburg to find work with the multi-racial Market Theatre.

She went to Durban in 1981 to open Upstairs Theatre; each production has been accompanied by spurious violations' charges, slashed car tyres, sabotaged theatre equipment, hate mail, obscene phone calls, the midnight rap on the door.

The African National Congress has given the London transfer of *Revolution*, a technical breach of the cultural boycott, its blessing.

Essa has deliberately not



In black and white: Saira Essa

seen Sir Richard Attenborough's film *Cry Freedom*, believing its focus on the white journalist Donald Woods to be absurd. Although she admired Janet Suzman's production of *Othello* at the Market Theatre last year, she doubts whether Suzman's contribution will mean much to blacks until she spends longer in her native country.

"I am tired of the dilemma of the white man," she says. "I still have white friends who make jokes about it. But how far they would go if it came to it?"

"I hope people will come to applaud the courage of black actors who have risked imprisonment, even death, to make this play. I hope they will be amazed to find that they are still singing and dancing. They sing songs of freedom because they are so confident that revolution is coming that they are celebrating it already."

Andrew Billen

The big sleep

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On the scent

The scent of history will shortly pervade Aberdeen: Ingasetter, the Scottish perfumers, are appealing for grant artefacts such as bottles, scented postcards, talc boxes and other items, in order to create Scotland's first museum of perfume. "We've just bought two Rimmel Valentines, dating from the late 1800s," explains John Michie, who can be contacted at Ingasetter Perfume Museum, 391 Union Street, Aberdeen. Scotland AB1 2BX (0224 580641).

Quote me...



"Sex becomes much less important as you get older. Like most little girls I fell madly in love with horses. I was a stable girl until I discovered boys. Then I had to cope with that from the age of 15 to 45 and now I have discovered gardening. It's a case of hormones being replaced by horticulture." *Andrea Wilkin, author of The R-Plan Diet*

All in white

Most women can safely assume that their wedding is the one occasion when they need not worry about bumping into someone else in an identical frock. Nevertheless, many brides hearken after an unforgettable, truly original dress. Andrea Wilkin, winner of last year's Bridal Designer of the Year award from *Brides* and *Setting Up Home*, has now been enlisted by Berketex at their 81 New Bond Street shop to offer an haute couture service with complementary accessories and shoes dyed to order if you wish. Appointments for this exclusive service should be made on 01-629 9301.

One way up

"It did depress me," Veronica Grocock says. She is the author of *Women Mean Business* (Ebury Press, £9.95). "Most of the women I interviewed still felt dressing the part and looking their best played an important part in getting on and moving up." But how to follow the sartorial rules of success is just one element of her survival guide for the woman executive, which features many interviews with women who have led the way, including Betty Jackson and Harriet Harman. Other than getting the skirt length right, did she discover any common denominator central to achievement? "Just burning desire," Grocock reports. "There's no way to the top without persistence, drive and determination."

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ALAN COREN

Dawn the colour of a herring's belly, as Sunday breaks grudgingly over Camden. Mine is the only car moving. I have the uncanny sensation that I am the establishing shot of a grainy Sixties film, an Arriflex is tracking me monochromatically from the top of a crane. Larry Adler is filling the soundtrack with plangent sucking, any moment now I shall drive over a tin can and set a dog off.

It is an impression which my arrival at the studios of TV-am serves only to enforce. There are two pickets outside. They are Central Casting pickets, gaunt, bag-eyed, frayed at the turn-up. This is *The Angry Silence*. They have a pitiful little bonfire going. For some reason they do not carry banners saying **SACKED FOR WANTING A LOUSY £92,000 OVERTIME**.

They do not look up as I cross their frail line, a great disappointment to me because I have been hoping to be persuaded by their unassailable argument into turning away and going home. I need an honourable excuse for flight, and Frostie might just be the one man to understand that a lump in the throat brought on by the spectacle of men earning less than £1 million a week could well make it impossible to talk.

It is not that I do not wish to talk to David. That is something it is always a pleasure to do. It is that I do not wish to talk to viewers. I wish to be back in the sack like everybody else in Camden. If I go through the studio doors, people will plaster me with orange make-up in a doomed attempt to disguise the natural green I always am until noon, and force me to honk platitudes at a camera until it is time for me to go home again and cringe at the video-recording which will form the basis of my determination never, ever, to repeat this madness. I know the pattern well, because it has happened 50 times before.

But, deprived now of a credible fib, I have to go in. The strike-bound complex is a bizarre spot, empty of the usual cackling throng, a shimmering hi-tech vault where the only thing which is potted palms. It looks like the showpiece airport lounge of some emergent nation which ran out of money before it could build a runway.

It is even odder in the studio. There is the slightly hysterical atmosphere one finds backstage in a church hall about to raise the curtain on a three-night run of *Rookery Nook*. Eager management draftees are hurrying about the shop floor, half-intoxicated at being allowed to run the sexy hardware, half-terrified at the unforeseeable grins waiting to pounce and humiliate. A nice man proffers a microphone pack: "I think you have to leave that wire dangling out of your pocket. It's some kind of aerial, isn't it? I'm an accountant."

I trance through the programme, scuttle back past the two pickets, drive home swearing as ever that the *swan-song* has this time finally been sung, to find a cab pulling away from my gate. My 15-year-old daughter is inside.

"Where," I ask my wife, "was Victoria going?"

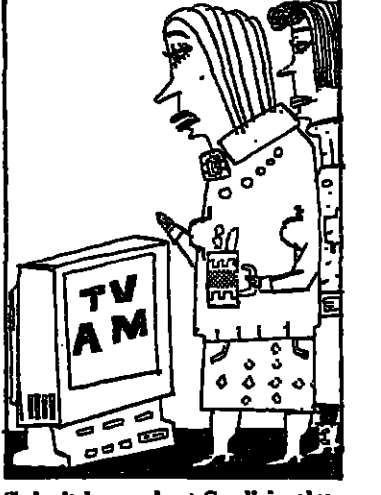
"Television Centre."

"What?"

"They rang up and asked her to go on something."

"Network," says my son, not looking up. They continue eating, reading the papers, all that, just as if the world were not falling to pieces. I crawl upstairs. The rot is all about us. Soon, there will be nobody at home to watch television, because everybody will be on it. Of all the reasons for picketing studios, you would be hard put to find a better.

BARRY FANTONI



"I don't know about Saudi involvement, but we get a better picture when the aerial's facing east"

To the relief of Britain's air safety experts not only are steps to be taken to control the immediate crisis of overcrowding in our skies, there is now a real opportunity to find a long-term solution.

At a meeting in Paris next week European air traffic controllers, pilots and airline managers will seek to create a strategic plan to deal with the vast increase in the number of flights expected this summer, which could bring Europe's airways close to saturation. The British representatives at the meeting, known as Flow 8-2, will tell other members of the European region of the International Civil Aviation Organization that this year they are going to have to ration flights as never before.

This is bound to cause a furor, because until recently it seemed that British airspace, unlike that of other nations, could take almost any amount of traffic. Now that that myth has been exploded, the Paris meeting may at least give a breathing space for Britain's 1,600 air traffic controllers by agreeing to restrictions on both inbound and outbound flights.

Harvey Elliott on a coming chance to break the airliner logjam

One route to air safety

Many forecasts indicate that traffic will continue to grow at the present rate for the foreseeable future, and there is no evidence that the Civil Aviation Authority has the slightest hope of coping with it.

The authority is spending £200 million over the next five years to upgrade the present system, buy computers and introduce a new traffic management system which it claims will increase by 30 per cent the number of aircraft that can be handled safely. But its critics point out that by the time this new equipment is installed at West Drayton, the number of aircraft in British airspace will have increased by more than 30 per cent.

The first moves to find a long-term solution should start next week when Lord Brabazon of Tara, the junior Aviation Minister goes to Brussels to visit Eurocontrol, the air traffic control system designed originally to create a European-wide control system to transcend national boundaries and create a modern, unified service.

Lord Brabazon, newly appointed president of the permanent commission set up to administer Eurocontrol, has the chance to create a common policy for air navigation throughout Europe. Sadly, his predecessors have allowed the original high ideals to founder in nationalistic bickering. As a result, Eurocontrol is now restricted to handling high-altitude flights only, over The Netherlands, Belgium and part of West Germany.

Yet its headquarters at Maastricht has the kind of air traffic control system which Britain must copy if the safety of the public is to be assured. Not for them the antiquated strips of paper, the massive overcrowding and bad design of West Drayton, which saps morale and is so physically daunting that shifts are limited to two hours.

Maastricht controllers have the latest computers, capable of intercommunication, and work in calm and comfortable surroundings. The CAA will claim that it needs time to design and build a modern traffic control centre like Maastricht. Yet the CAA has only belatedly started a five-year development plan - as urged by Eurocontrol - involving the expenditure of £200 million over five years, compared with the £125 million it spent in the previous five.

In that time archaic and cumbersome legislation has actually forced it to give back many millions to the airlines because it is not allowed to "overcharge" its clients - last year it was forced to hand back £18.7 million.

At least some of this money could have been used to buy new headsets for the controllers. Men with glasses simply cannot wear the old heavy earpieces and microphones without having to bore a hole in the side for the frames to pass through - and then they hear everything which is going on around them in the crowded, claustrophobic control room.

The CAA must get government permission for every pound it wants to spend on capital equipment, and although this has never been refused, the need for public spending

controls has hardly encouraged it to ask.

Private companies, meanwhile, have been desperate to build a new headquarters and to install the latest technology. They reckon that they could have one working within five years if they were provided with a suitable greenfield site.

The CAA worries that the controllers are taking themselves into a crisis, and that by harping on about the dangers of a mid-air collisions they could be creating the psychological climate that encourages them.

But Maastricht, the crowded JFK airport in New York, and the Paris and Geneva airports, all have the latest equipment. Computer systems designed to warn the controller of any possible air mix at least 20 miles before it happens have been shown to work.

Lord Brabazon has a unique chance of using his new presidency to put some steam behind the concept of a Europe-wide air traffic control system or at least to take the shackles off CAA spending and to urge it to do whatever is necessary - now, before it is too late.

Conor Cruise O'Brien

Amritsar's bloody marriage

The pure will do power.

The above is a literal translation of a Sikh slogan, often heard these days in the Punjab. In the original Punjabi, the word for the pure is *Khalsa*. *Khalsa* is also the name for the brotherhood of the Sikh community. Understandably, therefore, non-Sikhs interpret the slogan as the equivalent of "Sikh rule OK", implying the secession of the Punjab from India and the creation of Khalistan - the country of the pure, that is to say, of the Sikhs.

Educated Sikhs will hold that this is a crude misinterpretation. Sikhism, they say, is a broad and ecumenical creed, spiritual and universal. The term *Khalsa* embraces not just the godly among the Sikhs but the godly of all religions. Understood in this sense, the proposition "The pure will do power" belongs in the same category as "Blessed are the meek for as they shall inherit the earth."

Unfortunately, the "crude misinterpretation" is actually a better guide to crude realities than the sophisticated and reassuring version. Sikhism did start out as a universal and specific religion, and remained so under the first five of the 10 Gurus of Sikhism. But when the fifth Guru, Arjan, suffered a terrible martyrdom at the hands of the Mogul rulers of India, Sikhism underwent a radical change. The sixth Guru, Hargobind (1606-1645), the son of the martyred Arjan, understandably decided that enough was enough and that the Sikhs must arm and defend themselves.

Hargobind, an innovator of genius, turned the Sikhs into an effective military force, bonded as a religious community. He wore two swords, one symbolizing *Miri* (worldly power), the other *Piri* (spiritual). In accordance with his policy of combining *Miri* and *Piri*, Hargobind built a new centre for Sikh political activities, close to the Golden Temple in Amritsar (and now widely regarded as part of the Golden Temple). The new

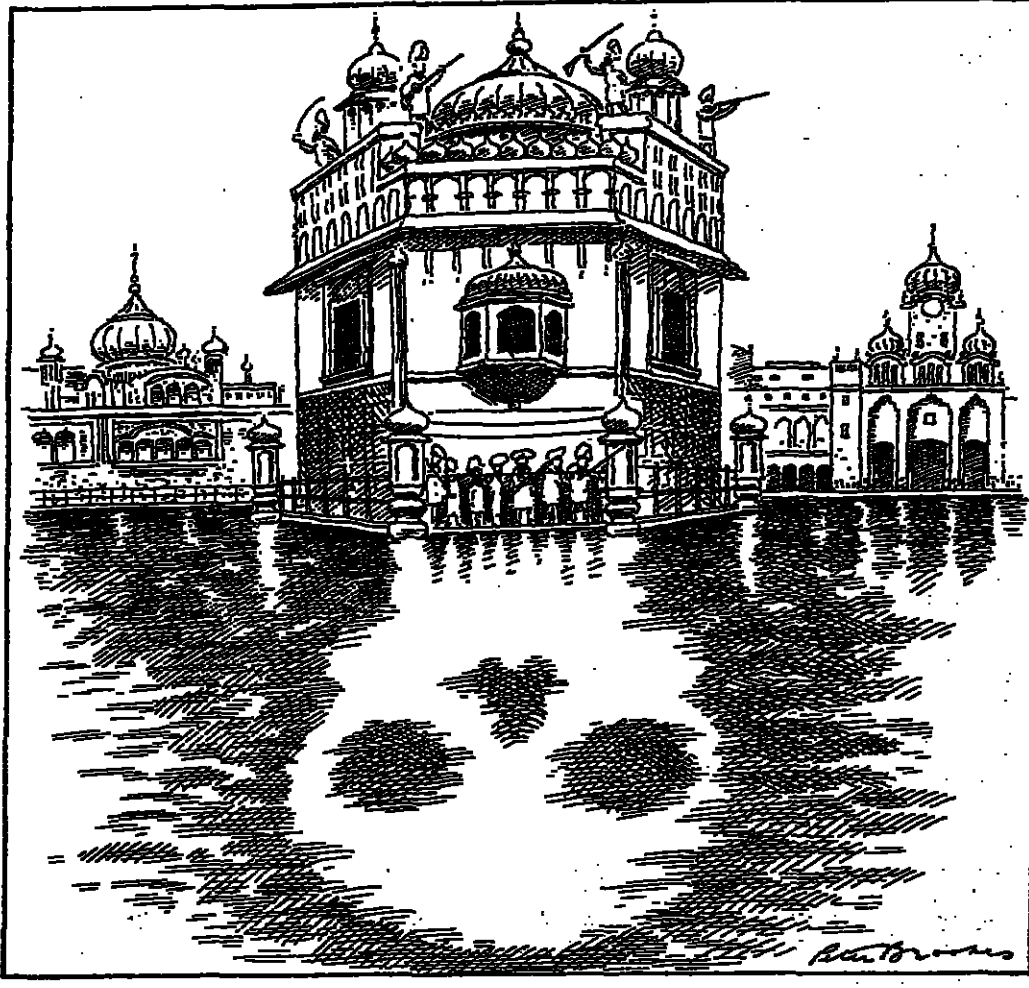
Miri centre became known as the *Akal Takht* - the Timeless Throne.

Early in 1984, the fanatical Sikh holy man, Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, established the headquarters of his terrorist (or insurrectional) conspiracy in the *Akal Takht*. On June 6, 1984, the Indian army, in Operation Bluestar, stormed and destroyed the *Akal Takht*, killing Bhindranwale and many of his followers. Sikhs were outraged at the violation of their holy places, and Indira Gandhi paid with her life, at the hands of her Sikh bodyguards, in November 1984.

Indian opinion, even before Mrs Gandhi's murder, was outraged that a holy shrine should have been allowed to become a centre of political and military activity. But the *Akal Takht* had been founded, more than 300 years ago, as a centre for political and military activity, in close conjunction with a holy shrine. So the Sant showed a firm grounding in Sikh tradition when he established himself in the *Akal Takht*. The Indian authorities, on the other hand, could hardly allow the *Piri* effect of the Golden Temple complex to provide indefinite protection for the *Miri* aspect: the Sant's conspiracy for armed insurrection. At the same time, of course, the storming of the *Akal Takht* and the death of the Sant, alienated the Sikh community from the rest of India to a greater extent than ever before.

On Sunday last, in the city of Ludhiana, the main industrial centre of the Punjab, I attended a big Sikh rally, the biggest, I believe, since Operation Bluestar. It was organized by the United Akali Dal, the umbrella political organization of the Sikh community. I was curious to hear what might be said at the rally about the terrorist attacks which took the lives of 17 people in the Punjab on the day before the rally, in addition to about 200 people this year so far. Most of the victims have been Sikhs, and the presumed assassins are also Sikhs; members of five terrorist organizations whose leadership is now holed up in and around the restored *Akal Takht*.

The rally was held in a sports stadium named after Nanak, the first Sikh Guru. The platform was lit up at one end of the field and most of the spectators sat on the ground. As a person preoccupied with the connecting area between religion and politics, I found that Sikh platform a fascinating sight. On one side, perhaps for three-fifths of its length, it was the conventional political article, with chairs for speakers, a long table, microphones, glasses and so on. But



the remaining two-fifths of the platform was something else. This was solidly attached to the rest of the platform, raised about a foot above it, forming a dais. On the dais stood a tabernacle covered by a red and gold canopy. In the tabernacle was a copy of the *Granth Sahib*, the Holy Book of the Sikhs and the focus of their worship. Around the tabernacle, three Sikh priests in saffron robes sat in silence while the politicians spoke.

Miri on one side, *Piri* on the other.

According to Sikh ideas, the presence of the Holy Book on the dais made the entire platform a

holy place and the entire gathering a religious occasion, as well as a political one. Not merely was the platform itself a holy place, so was the enclosure around it, including the section reserved for the press. As I approached the press section, my Sikh guide gently invited me to cover my head before going in. Instinctively, however, I backed away from that sanctified press gallery and stayed out in the field. To be interested in the union of religion and politics is one thing, to be invited to become a member of that ominous marriage another. I was taken aback at the strength of the repugnance I felt when I was

offered a scarf to cover my head on entering a *sacrosanct* *santorum* where religion and politics are one.

The attendance at the meeting was made up mainly of Jats, or Sikh farmers: well built, handsome, dignified, undemonstrative men. They didn't cheer or boo or even applaud, ever. From time to time, on a request from the platform, they would raise their hands to signify approval of some "common ground" Sikh position of today: as for example that Sikhs detained after Operation Bluestar should be released; or that non-Sikhs who had attacked Sikhs in the Delhi riots of November 1984 should be brought to trial; or condemnation of police violence and of the desecration of Sikh temples.

Where the audience was not actually invited to declare its opinion, by show of hands, it kept its opinion to itself. One speaker from the platform launched a pro-Bhindranwale slogan. The audience sat there impassively, just as it did when, a few minutes later, another speaker objected to the use of pro-Bhindranwale slogans. Similarly when one speaker called for an independent Sikh state, and then another speaker declared support for a united India (with full respect for Sikh rights) the audience showed no signs of either agreeing or disagreeing with either proposition.

Nobody from that holy platform explicitly referred at any point to the 17 murders committed the previous day by Sikh extremists. One speaker did condemn "the shedding of innocent blood". But any extremists present did not have to react to that: the blood of traitors is not innocent blood.

If silence does indeed give consent, those stolid respectable Sikhs were consenting, in that combined religious and political context, to what the extremist Sikh organizations are doing in the name of the *Khalsa*. "The pure will do power".

Commentary • WOODROW WYATT

Continental drift

Sir Winston Churchill was mustered keen on a united Western Europe until he became Prime Minister again in 1951. Then his ardour cooled. Perhaps that was under the influence of Sir Anthony Eden, who always hated the idea. (Eden once said to me that if he belonged to my generation he would probably have been in favour but belonging to his he never could be.)

This is not a party political matter. Lord Atlee firmly believed that, moving eastwards, aliens began to become undesirable at Calais and only acceptable when you reached India, where they played cricket. Hugh Gaitskill, as leader of the Labour Party, inquired whether we intended to end 1,000 years of history by joining up with the West Europeans, overlooking the centuries in which we occupied large parts of France.

Some were attracted by the grand concept of a united Western Europe, with Britain, which considered it had saved Europe in the war, as its natural leader. The majority shrank from too great an involvement with unreliable continentalers. Consequently we had nothing to do with the 1950 Schuman plan for pooling coal and steel industries. We also torpedoed the plan for a European defence force mainly on the grounds put to me by the then Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Lord Slim: "What would happen to the cap badge of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment?" Ironically, they disappeared when the regiment was disbanded.

But her part-compromise, in place of breaking up the EEC, had a more important effect. It signalled that we were genuinely considering ourselves a part of the EEC. As Mr Kinnoch, speaking for the Labour Party in so far as

he can, has already said that he recognizes that Britain must stay in the EEC, the doubters are much diminished in strength. The idealists who dreamt of a one-nation Western Europe have been bruised, but can work realistically towards its achievement during the next 100 years in the knowledge that EEC members will not go to war with one another.

From now on the development of the EEC should tip very much in our favour. The true single market in goods and services, banks and financial institutions, planned to arrive by 1992, though it will not in its entirety, must benefit Britain. Our financial institutions are years ahead of those of the Continent. We may have slipped in industry, though that is recovering, but we are supreme in dealing with the money markets and in operating pension funds, mortgages, life and general insurance and the like.

The potential gold in Rome's seven hills will be mined more successfully by us than the rest of our EEC partners. Trading in money and in the new electronics industries may not seem glorious, but it is an excellent foundation for building a unity of purpose from which all national self-interests can profit. There will be difficulties about harmonizing VAT rates, but they are not insuperable: all EEC countries will insist on some variations to suit local conditions. But the great thing is that Britain, along with Tokyo and Wall Street, has been the first to realize that the world is now global in finance and across-the-frontier investment. London has firmly established itself as one of the three world leaders, which will add substantially not only to our prosperity but to that of the EEC.

SCIENCE REPORT

Small world

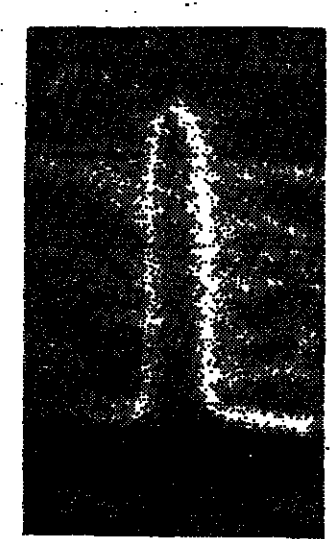
The remarkable photograph on the right shows a pile of atoms of the elements gallium and arsenic, mixed with a little indium, which is no more than 750 atoms across.

Called a quantum dot, structures of this kind are being developed for use in electronic devices at the central research laboratories of Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas.

The quantum dot is probably the smallest man-made structure yet made. Its dimensions are 100 millionths of a millimetre in diameter and 10 times as much in height. In its longest dimension, the quantum dot consists of several layers of the semiconductor gallium arsenide containing controlled amounts of either indium or aluminium, some of which are merely four millionths of a millimetre thick.

The crucial elements in this minuscule device lie near the top of the column and consist of a layer of indium gallium arsenide five millionths of a millimetre thick, placed between two layers of aluminium gallium arsenide four millionths of a millimetre thick.

The ratio of indium to gallium atoms in the working layer has been chosen to be precisely two atoms of indium to 23 of gallium, so that electrons will be preferentially trapped in the working layer. As well as thicker layers of gallium arsenide, there is also a thin layer of gold on the top of the structure to make an electrical contact.



The first measurements of the electrical properties of quantum dots, reported in the February 8 issue of the US journal *Physical Review Letters*, confirm the predictions made for them. Electrons in the working layer are essentially confined in each of the three space dimensions and, like the electrons in an atom, (confined in a small region of space by the electrical attraction of the nucleus), are expected to exist only in discrete states of energy.

The measurements, by the team of six people also responsible for making the quantum dots, have shown that there is a particular voltage (700 millivolts) at which electrical conduction is at a maximum, and above which increasing the voltage leads to a decrease of the current. This is taken as evidence of the first of the discrete energy states of electrons trapped in the indium gallium arsenide layer.

peratures below -150C (which is nevertheless comfortably above the boiling point of liquid nitrogen), again in accordance with the predictions. At the lowest temperatures (near the temperature of liquid helium) a second maximum appears at a higher voltage, and may betoken lateral motion of the trapped electrons.

The new device may be a valuable component of novel semiconductor devices, especially because gallium arsenide, in which gallium is variously substituted by indium or aluminium, is also now one of the materials commonly used as a basis for the light sources known as semiconductor lasers.

While at present used in, for example, laser printers, these devices are often held to be an ideal basis for computers, in which the separate elements communicate by means of light, not electrical current.

The arrival of the quantum dot will also delight theoreticians, eager to check the details of their calculations of structures which are, in a sense, artificial atoms.

Making the new structures has been a technical *tour de force*. The Texas Instruments team does not describe the technique in detail, but the tall thin structures they obtain are made from separate beams of atoms prevented from depositing their contents except at the sites chosen by a pattern of electrical potentials. The photograph of the quantum dot has been taken with a device called a scanning electron microscope.

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SPECIALLY RELATED HONOUR

The honorary knighthood which Mr Caspar Weinberger, the former United States Secretary for Defence, received from the Queen yesterday was given because he has been a good friend of Britain. This is a very good reason for giving an honour to a non-subject of the Queen. It ought to be done more often.

Many of the recipients would almost certainly be Americans. Yet in Britain the special relationship is something which the world-wide will often say does not exist. They argue that, when it is not an illusion, fostered by successive British prime ministers in order to depict themselves as more important internationally than they really are, it is merely the stuff of after-dinner speeches and the English-Speaking Union.

The existence of the special relationship has always been more denied and mocked in Britain than asserted. Lord Stockton, Lord Wilson, Lord Callaghan and Mrs Thatcher have all been derided, and accused of sycophancy, for valuing their relations with Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Carter and Reagan respectively.

These prime ministers have all suffered, at least as much as they have gained, from their closeness to a president. This is because the ranks of the politically active — the people who can damage prime ministers between elections — contain anti-Americans in numbers disproportionate to the country as a whole.

One of the reasons Mr Weinberger received yesterday's accolade was his help to Britain in the Falklands War. Why should he have done so? Keeping the Falklands British was not an important American strategic interest.

The Administration of which he was a member contained many "hemispherists" — believers in not offending an anti-communist regime such as Argentina's, within the United States' own hemisphere, rather than in some sentimental attachment to a country such as Britain which was outside that hemisphere. They included the otherwise sagacious Mrs Kirkpatrick, the then US Ambassador to the

United Nations. If Britain had not won back the islands by force it is hard to say which faction within the United States Administration would have determined President Reagan's policy.

Britons sceptical of the special relationship might retort, if the outcome was that much in doubt, what price the special relationship? But, some 40 years after the special relationship was forged in the Second World War, the existence of the "hemispherists" view is less remarkable than the survival of Mr Weinberger's.

His attitude cannot be explained away by some vague folk memory. Weinberger is not an English name. It is explained by Britain and the United States sharing common values. The English-Speaking Union stuff is broadly right.

Common values between countries do not, however, automatically mean common national interests or policies. Britain and the United States have sometimes differed about what policies would further the values.

At the end of the Second World War the United States did not believe that the values were furthered by the continuance of British imperialism. By the 1960s an America which by then knew more about global responsibilities was pleading with Britain to remain east of Suez.

But voices in each of the two countries have equally often been raised in the interests of the other. In the American War of Independence itself British policy was opposed by Burke — English Conservatism's founding philosopher. In the Second World War the wisest in America sought an end to isolationism from Europe, and eventually gained the upper hand in both political parties.

Sooner or later, the demands on the American economy will mean fewer US forces in Western Europe, including Britain. America will expect the British to be among those doing more for their own defence. Some people will hope that this will mean an end to the special relationship. Wiser people hope that it will strengthen it.

CARE OF THE AGREEMENT

The diplomatic link between the British and Irish governments is between two sovereign states. Neither has any influence over the other beyond persuasion. These two statements contain an underlying truth that is in danger of being forgotten in the continuing arguments between London and Dublin, which began with the shooting of a civilian at a security checkpoint in Northern Ireland on Sunday.

The Anglo-Irish Agreement, claimed by many to be threatened, was signed by governments who both thought they had something to gain from it and prices to pay for those gains. Stripped of rhetoric, these were that the British wanted the Republic to enlist fully in a joint war against a terrorist enemy, and to use its influence with the Roman Catholic minority in the North to contain indirect support for terrorism through the IRA's political arm, Sinn Féin. The price was the offence, and continuing insecurity, felt by majority unionists.

The Republic wanted its own institutionalized voice in the North. It wanted to bolster the constitutional nationalists, to reassure members of the minority with genuine grievances, and to help to justify its greater cooperation with northern authorities who are still the subject of much visceral mistrust south of the border. Dublin's price is a system of security cooperation that cannot be dismantled without the entire Agreement being rejected.

The Agreement contained flaws. It provided no levers to compel local politicians to agree on the distribution of any devolved power. It left intact the Republic's constitutional claim to the North. But other truths need noting, too. No agreement can prevent disagreements between governments; and this Agreement has the very beneficial influence on preventing rows affecting the less visible fruits of cooperation. The key witnesses when the Agreement is formally reviewed later this year will, therefore, be the security forces on both sides of the border. In the unlikely event that they all feel the Agreement is of no help, its justification will look weak indeed.

But even in the political field the Govern-

ment has had some success in checking the growth of Sinn Féin. That organization would enjoy no gift so gratifying as the collapse of the Agreement. For that reason, among others, the Agreement's opponents, while inveighing against it, seldom advocate its ending. They talk instead of "broadening" it, of making it more acceptable to unionist opinion, or of renegotiation. These are aims which, taken at face value, could be discussed by any British or Irish government which was clear about the reasons for preserving the core of the Agreement as originally signed.

The Agreement is, however, threatened by political misjudgement in London and Dublin. Admitting to the existence of evidence that policemen conspired to pervert the course of justice and failing to prosecute is a mistaken view of the public interest. Allowing a convicted murderer back into the same army which is patrolling in Northern Ireland is similarly foolish. These misjudgements are not wrong because they fail to take into account the views of the Republic: they are simply wrong. In addition they have serious consequences for public faith in the security forces.

Recently, it appeared that Mr Charles Haughey was emerging from his ambivalent attitude to the Agreement and was prepared to take political risks with unprecedented large security sweeps to the south of the border. But in the last few days the old meretricious superficiality has taken over again, culminating in his announcement that the second most senior policeman in the Republic was to waste his time shadowing a police inquiry in the North.

The Agreement encourages cooperation between police and army north and south. Either Mr Haughey and his government believe that this is worth while or they do not. To continue does not require them to attest that the security forces in Northern Ireland are perfect; it does require a belief that they are worthy partners. It is time that Mr Haughey made up his mind on this point. The Agreement will not survive too many changes.

FILE: DO NOT DESTROY

The apparent confusion between the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence over who is running the inquiry into the missing Waldheim files argues ill for that investigation. The Prime Minister may need another session of knocking heads together if she is to discover why the records of the British commandos' interrogation in Salonika, where Dr Waldheim served, were destroyed.

It is understandable that many will suspect the worst: that the gaps in the files resulted from deliberate destruction carried out before or during Waldheim's connection with the United Nations, possibly in pursuit of diplomatic objectives. It is to early to reach a firm conclusion on that point. It is simply important that the inquiry is efficient.

It is not too early, however, to ask a different question. If, according to an altogether cruder theory of organizational behaviour, the relevant files were destroyed by mistake or because no one at the time could think of a better fate for them, were they destroyed in breach of the Public Record Office guidelines on retention? If so, on whose authority?

This episode shows, at the very least, how necessary is a special kind of vigilance over the archives of government. President Waldheim has, if nothing else, reminded us of that. Sir Duncan Wilson (himself a former Balkans diplomat), reporting to the Lord Chancellor in 1981, said that the English public records "form one of the single richest archives in the world and a most precious part of the national heritage."

Politicians and public are all too often

complaisant when it comes to ensuring that that heritage is kept supplied. Until recently, and still to a considerable extent, deposit at the Public Record Office has been a matter of chance and departmental whim.

That is not a complaint of the staff of the PRO, who deserve every credit for the way they conserve and classify documents when they receive them. Nor does it ignore the special effort made, for example, by the Ministry of Defence to bring in scholars to advise it. But it is to assert that, without constant checking, the temptation remains for departments to shred files that should be kept.

According to the guidance now supplied by the Public Record Office to the officers whom each department is supposed to appoint to oversee records, the criteria that should inform any decision about keeping documents include a judgement (which the PRO is uniquely qualified to assist in making) on whether they would benefit future researchers. Among documents that should particularly be kept, the PRO note of guidance says, are those "relating to notable events and causes célèbres, or other events which gave rise to contemporary interest or controversy."

We certainly have the benefit of hindsight, and we certainly know more (but not yet all) about President Waldheim's war record. It is none the less a safe assertion that the weedeaters of the FCO files, both in the 1940s and the 1970s, had they kept such criteria in mind would have carefully retained and annotated any files relating to the treatment of British prisoners of war by the German officer class.

Civil Service on sounder footing

From Mr Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury (Conservative)
Sir, In your leader yesterday (February 20) you say that the Prime Minister's response to the Libbs report is "cautious where she might have been adventurous". Yet the proposals, if implemented in the pilot areas, offer a radical break from the present philosophy of Whitehall.

For the first time the need to distinguish between policymaking (including resource allocation) and operations is clearly articulated. The central weakness in our present constitutional set up, whereby overloaded ministers answer for everything, is identified; instead managers may become accountable to Parliament for operations (para 23).

In testing the effectiveness of the proposals, however, the relationship with the Treasury will indeed be the key, as you suggest. In the case of the MoD research establishments, for example, the following litmus tests may be applied:

1. Will such establishments be allowed to retain income generated from third parties to defray costs instead of paying it to the Treasury as at present? This would rapidly increase spin-off to the private sector.
2. Will they be genuinely free to fix salaries and manning, within their overall budget?
3. Will they at last be allowed to fire as well as hire, allowing a welcome pruning of dead wood?

The experiment, if implemented, is bold; Parliament could so easily respond by selective nit-picking instead of the strategic

appraisal appropriate to a private-sector board of directors.

If it is successful, the country will get not only a more cost-effective service but the first steps towards much-needed constitutional reform.
Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BRAZIER,
House of Commons,
February 21.

From the Director of the Council for British Archaeology
Sir, It was announced yesterday that the royal parks and palaces are to be removed from direct departmental control, as part of the new Government policy for the Civil Service. You report that Mr Ridley hopes to have the palaces under agency management by April next year.

On February 3 this year the secretary of state's response to a recommendation from the House of Commons Select Committee on the Environment that "English Heritage should assume full responsibility for the maintenance and general care of the non-occupied royal palaces" was as follows:

We remain of the view that, for constitutional reasons as well as for reasons of security, the secretary of state should be directly accountable for the royal palaces, whether occupied or not.

It would be interesting to know how these constitutional and security reasons have changed in the past two-and-a-half weeks.
Yours faithfully,
HENRY CLEERE, Director,
Council for British Archaeology,
112 Kensington Road, SE11,
February 19.

the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals:

We want rationalisation of provision in just about every discipline... This will mean greater concentration. And this in turn will often mean departmental closures.

In October, the secretary of state told the CVCP: But that is not to say the contracts will be peripheral: the concept is central to the new relationship we want to build up between the funding councils and individual higher education institutions... A system of contracting which helps this process, by encouraging the Universities Funding Council to reach clear understandings with you about how its money will be spent, is surely to be welcomed.

Does that sound like a governmental power which, to quote Mr Jackson, will be "rarely used"? The Government has made quite clear what it intends. Soft words now in no way mitigate the extraordinary provisions proposed in the Education Reform Bill.
Yours truly,
J. A. G. GRIFFITH,
2 The Close,
Spinfild Lane,
Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

University contracts

From Professor Emeritus John Griffith, FBA

Sir, In his letter (February 10) the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science lays emphasis on the recommendations of the Croom committee. What he does not mention is that Croom also recommended the continuation of the present grants structure and at no time suggested that grants should be replaced by a system of "contracts" whereby the Government, via the Universities Funding Council, would "be able to determine what is taught and in which universities with the aid of public funds" (to quote from the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford's most recent oration).

The Government's published papers made clear that such "contracts" might be enforced so as to control not merely a university's general operations but also those of individual faculties, departments and courses. Such a system of control reaches down into the lecture and seminar room.

Last September, the parliamentary under-secretary told

Plans for hospital

From Dr Adam Lawrence and others

Sir, Mr Tim Battle (February 16) is quite right that it is important for you and your readers to know the details of the Riverside Health Authority's proposals concerning St Stephens Hospital in Chelsea.

The proposals as they stand recommend closing and completely demolishing St Stephens Hospital (with the sole exception of the shortly to be opened Aids and HIV disease clinic), thereby destroying immediately the district general hospital services to the surrounding areas of Kensington, Chelsea, Fulham and Battersea for several years. The Aids and HIV clinic could not, in the view of the supervising consultants, function in isolation during this interim period.

We are deeply committed to a full and proper development of the hospital on the St Stephens site, the aim being to produce the best possible hospital. What we cannot accept, however, is the notion, conveniently omitted from Mr Battle's letter, that hospital medical and surgical services to the community may be completely abandoned for many years in pursuit of this aim.

Yours sincerely,
ADAM LAWRENCE,
RICHARD WARREN,
DAVID HAWKINS,
St Stephens Hospital,
Fulham Road, SW10,
February 16.

Vanishing breed

From Mr Arthur Simons

Sir, Before the reorganisation of local government, when we still had rural district councils, practically every village had its resident roadman. He swept the roads, cleared litter, cut the grass verges and hedges and cleared and maintained the drains and ditches.

He told the district surveyor of roads and paths which needed repair. He also kept the local farmers in line by letting it be known when their hedges needed cutting or their ditches were blocked.

Now the roadmen have gone and the results can be seen on any country road, especially after the recent long spell of rain. With

Posts and outposts

From Mrs Teresa Gorman, MP for Billericay (Conservative)

Sir, The report in *The Times* (February 11) that the Department of Trade and Industry may liberalise the letter monopoly is welcome news.

Critics say that competition in letter post will leave remote rural Britain bereft of a service, as profit is only made in urban deliveries. This is not strictly true: most of the cost of handling the mail is in the sorting of it and it would be more trouble than it is worth to make a special case of rural areas.

However, we can only prove this by trying out the options. Rural Britain gets its milk and newspapers without a national delivery monopoly. A bar of chocolate or a pair of tights costs much the same in the Orkneys as in Oxford Street.

If rural mail services are not economical then there are two alternatives: charge the real cost or subsidise the glens and islands. I suspect that local delivery vans delivering other goods would carry the letters.

During the 1971 postal strike a constellation of local postal exchanges sprung up almost overnight, creating a distribution network across the nation. I hope Lord Young and Kenneth Clarke will not be inhibited by the wailings of monopolists.

Yours faithfully,
TERESA GORMAN,
House of Commons,
February 16.

ditches blocked or even nonexistent every road had puddles of muddy water along both sides, or was completely flooded.

As lorries hammer away at the road verges they leave mud and slush at the roadside and steadily squeeze the ditches out of existence. Road surfaces break up and pot-holes develop rapidly in these conditions.

The result is bad enough when driving, but to walk along the road is impossible without wellingtons and any intrepid pedestrian is liable to be splashed from head to foot by passing traffic. In places where ditches are being re-dug to relieve flooding mechanical diggers are producing ditches like Fenland dykes. Any wild flowers which might have been surviving by the old ditch will have gone for good.

Can we have our roadmen back and let them once more do a job in which they took great pride and, in the words of one I knew, "kept their virgins clean and tidy"?
Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR SIMONS,
Woolams Cottage,
Botley Road, Curbridge,
Southampton, Hampshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Collaboration on town planning

From the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute

Sir, The expression "the planners" is fast becoming a sort of collective euphemism for almost anyone except a real town planner. For example, the fascinating BBC2 documentary, "The Battle for Paternoster Square" (February 17), purported to be about town planning; yet, despite the customary references to "the planners", the nearest we got was old footage of the late Lord Holford and a couple of members of the City of London Planning Committee — surely one of the most untypical bodies in the land.

What we were offered were the largely esoteric views of architects, architectural critics and — one particular developer, set against a backdrop of selected extracts from HRH the Prince of Wales's laudable Mansion House speech.

We will not solve the problem of places like Paternoster Square until we accept the need for a new agenda which elevates the aspirations of ordinary people above a combination of rampant profiteering and arrogant professional individualism.

What is required is a collaborative approach whereby different professionals work humbly with each other and with the community they serve — according to simple, popular, historically well-proven urban design objectives, in particular: the creation of appropriate

private human-scale places and pedestrian environments; a continuity with heritage and tradition; townscape with recognisable features which is intricate and fine-grained; mixed uses; robustness and adaptability; a series of relatively small sites and a slower rate of change; and, interestingly, decorative new buildings, sensitively integrated with the existing built fabric.

The "comprehensive redevelopment" schemes of the 1950s and 1960s are the antithesis of all this. The devastation they have wreaked on our well-loved towns and cities is now hated and reviled, not least by today's planning profession. They exist as a lesson. But have we really learned? Having watched the Paternoster Square documentary twice, I seriously wonder whether we have.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS TIBBALS, President,
The Royal Town Planning Institute,
26 Portland Place, W1,
February 22.



ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 24 1934

Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934) was the first British musician to have the award of the OM conferred on him. His obituary notice ended with lines to the effect that while there had been plenty of critics able to discover that his symphonies and oratorios fell short of the ideal, he was "distinguished from many of his contemporaries in the fact that music for him was always first and foremost beautiful sound."

Obituary

SIR EDWARD ELGAR, O.M.

THE LAUREATE OF ENGLISH MUSIC

The number of musicians of whom it can safely be said that the general public needs no explanation of their importance and asks for no justification of the place which their fellows accord them is small. Among composers this country has possessed two in the last century — Sullivan and Elgar. Of these the case of Elgar, who died yesterday at his home at Worcester at the age of 76, is the more remarkable because his genius was devoted to the larger forms of the musical art with which the ordinary man is supposed to sympathize least readily — the symphony, the concerto, the oratorio. He never associated himself with the theatre in any close way; he never held any dominating official position in the musical life of the country; he rather stood aloof from institutions of any sort. Through nearly half his working life he was entirely unknown; during the remainder he was unanimously accepted as our musical laureate.

... Much has been said of Elgar's upbringing as a member of the Roman Catholic Church and of the inspiration which it brought to his greatest choral work, *The Dream of Gerontius*, all of which is natural and true. But Elgar used to resent the idea that these influences in any way cut him off from others. As a boy he was constantly in and out of the cathedral listening to the music of its daily services and drawing many of his earliest and most treasured experiences from them. The Three Choirs Festivals at Worcester were sources of the most vivid delight to him.

Elgar was a man of many interests outside music, and as years increased they tended to absorb more of his time and attention. He loved travel, experimental chemistry, heraldry, literature, and the race-course. Sometimes he seemed to take a whimsical pleasure in persuading himself (though he could never persuade others) that these were the serious preoccupations of his life and that the writing of symphonies was only a frivolous hobby. He was fond of saying that he knew very little about music, was not particularly interested in the performance of his works, and never read what the papers said of them. This sometimes seemed an affectation, but was really an armour of defence. He suffered much from the adulation of indiscriminate admirers and often yearned to get out of the limelight at the very moment when he deliberately walked into it. He was like his music, essentially simple and spontaneous, though the simplicity might be occasionally clouded by decorative details.

[Among several tributes from figures in the musical world was one from Sir Walfred Davies]. Elgar will shine throughout all time for his complete mastery of the orchestra. No one I can think of has had a greater. His ideas are often slender, but the way they are worked out is marvellous... Elgar had that finest quality in men, an utter disregard for himself, though he had an overwhelming regard for music. In his 76 years he rose from obscurity to be England's greatest composer. Yet through it all he was always a child; he loved dressing up and writing music for children.

Community charge

From Mr Michael A. Loveridge

Sir, One feature of the forthcoming poll tax which appears to have gone unremarked is the effect it will have on the price of more expensive houses. Under the present system of domestic rates, where the property itself is the subject of the charge, the rates may be viewed as a form of rent, so that an annual rates bill of £2,500 is equivalent to a rent of approximately £50 per week.

Moreover, this "rent" is subject to an annual "review", in most cases resulting in an increase. Under the poll tax system the "rent" will be very substantially less, particularly where the house is occupied by only one or two people — the "dinkies" of recent fame.

It is obvious that a property subject to a high rent with frequent reviews is a much less attractive investment, and therefore has a lower capital value than one subject to a low rent. The net effect of the poll tax will therefore be to enhance the capital value of expensive houses.

Generally speaking, the more expensive the property, the greater the reduction in rent, and the greater the increase in value. Furthermore, as this windfall will be tax-free, under the principal residence exemption, the poll tax should result in a substantial capital gift to the wealthiest members of society.

Yours faithfully,
M. LOVERIDGE,
111 Revidge Road,
Blackburn, Lancashire,
February 15.

Crisis in stone

From Mr Terence Bendixson

Sir, Church sculpture, including funerary memorials, is probably Britain's least well-known artistic and historical goldmine and you are correct, Sir, in believing it to be at risk ("A crisis in stone", *Spectrum*, February 11).

The Brompton Cemetery, for instance, is alone reckoned to contain 35,000 memorials and together they form a biography in stone of west London in the heyday of the Empire. Most of the monuments are, of course, inscribed headstones or slabs, but amongst them is the *art nouveau* sarcophagus designed by Edward Burne-Jones for Sir Frederick Leyland.

Contrary to your correspondent's intelligence, the monument is not in the Brompton Oratory now; happily, it has stones there at it. Oxidisation of the copper near the tomb's armature of serpentine bronze strapwork has, however, tinted it a miraculous *eau-de-Nil*.

In view of the antiquarian and artistic value of such collections of church sculpture, the national inventory proposed by your correspondent would be of the highest interest. If the Minister for the Arts could be persuaded to father such a listing, and if it could take the form of a usable handbook rather than a dry-as-dust archive, further local initiatives to protect the riches thus exposed might follow.
Yours faithfully,
TERENCE BENDIXSON
(Chairman, Friends of Brompton Cemetery),
c/o 20 Iffeld Road, SW10.

No hiding place

From Mr Rodney Bewes

Sir, So G. B. R. Harrison's escape from the office for an expensive lunch in a favourite restaurant is ruined by the intrusion of the portable telephone (February 16). Last year, a small boat tied to the booms in the middle of the river at Henley Royal Regatta provided my escape from it all. The telephone rang in the motorised canoe moored alongside me. I looked to the heavens in disgust.

The chap put down his glass and answered the wretched thing, then handed it to me. "It's for you", he said.
Yours faithfully,
RODNEY BEWES,
Duke of York's Theatre,
St Martin's Lane, WC2.

National Institute for Biological Standards and Control

John Manning



Scientific excellence: the NIBSC complex at South Mimms cost £25 million to build and equip. It is also a centre for Aids research

Fight for perfection

The Princess of Wales will today formally open a purpose-built laboratory complex internationally recognized as a centre of British scientific excellence.

The National Institute for Biological Standards and Control at South Mimms, Hertfordshire, plays an essential role in three important areas of medicine. A multi-disciplinary establishment with 190 leading scientists and technologists on its staff, it devises and sets up standards — the internationally recognized measures used

to calculate the correct dosages of biological medicines.

It tests a wide range of these, including vaccines and hormones, for quality and purity, has an extensive research programme, and is in the forefront of the fight against Aids.

The present institute, although it has had previous names and incarnations, was formed in 1972 when two divisions of the Medical Research Council's National Institute for Medical Research were effectively amalgamated.

But the history of the present institute goes back to the 1920s which, like today, was a period of rapid change and innovation in biological medicine.

The discovery and development of vaccines, then still a comparatively new field, and the introduction of, for exam-

ple, insulin for the treatment of diabetes, paralleled the excitement of the biotechnology and genetic engineering processes of today.

The 1920s saw the start of the mass manufacture of vaccines. Progress had been spurred by the First World War, and the wartime discovery of Salvarsan for tackling venereal disease.

The theory and practice of immunization and vaccination were relatively advanced, but agreed standards were badly needed. There was cause for concern. A legal framework did exist to deal with recognized drugs and medicines in Britain and throughout the empire, but there were no ways to test these new-fangled "biologic products" — the vaccines, sera, toxins and antitoxins — for purity, potency and authenticity.

The Ministry of Health set up a departmental committee to consider and advise on "the legislative and administrative measures to be taken for the effective control of the quality and authenticity of such therapeutic substances offered for sale to the public as cannot be tested adequately by direct chemical means".

In 1921, the committee reported, with foreboding brow, that "these products are liable in the process of manufacture to bacterial contamination, which must be detected by other than chemical means, and they cannot safely be sterilized by heat or by chemical agencies without seriously impairing their efficiency."

"They are given, not by the mouth, but by means of hypodermic, intramuscular, inter-athetal or intravenous injection. Their purity, potency and authenticity are, therefore, matters of vital importance, and examples of the necessity for stringent tests of these products have been given by several witnesses."

The need for a watchdog to protect public health was evident. "Each maker," said the committee report, "is free to adopt his own conception of adequate standardization and there is no official check. Hence, any guarantee of potency and authenticity entirely depends upon the reputation of the supplying firm."

As the committee included representatives of Parke Davis and Company, Allen & Hanburys Limited, Burroughs Wellcome and Company, and the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, the report diplomatically paid a tactful tribute to the "deservedly high" reputation of the British manufacturers of those substances, but stressed the obvious disadvantages of the unregulated state of affairs.

The committee had found

The Medical Research Council took on the job, and introduced control testing on a batch basis, continuing the work on control and standards for biological substances used in human therapy.

However, a rethink was called for in 1968 when the Medicines Act was passed in the aftermath of the thalidomide disaster. The MRC pointed out to the Department of Health and Social Security that the work it was carrying out on its behalf on control and standards was really rather outside its remit. It was not its business.

The MRC urged that surely it would be more effective to create a separate organization for the job, which would not be part of a government department, whose staff would not be civil servants.

In 1968, the Government created the National Biological Standards Board, with a membership of both prominent scientists and laymen to manage the institute.

Four years later, the National Institute for Biological Standards was formally set up, in the old Mount Vernon fever hospital on Holly Hill in Hampstead, north London. It was formed from two separate divisions of the Medical Research Council, although there had been de facto co-operation and working together by the scientists before the new structure was created.

Facilities, however, were split between the Hampstead site and another at Mill Hill.

Work increased rapidly. The development of new applications for hormones as well as extra requirements from the EEC, the need for more computer equipment and state-of-the-art technology meant new buildings were vital. Consequently, the South Mimms site was identified in 1976.

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A SPECIAL REPORT

By Doreen King

A patron saint

A key member of the Medical Research Council's original committee for testing biological products was the late Sir Henry Dale, an outstanding scientist and Nobel laureate.

Sir Henry, whose portrait hangs in a position of honour in the reception area of the South Mimms laboratory, is considered the institute's patron saint.

An eminent physiologist and early pioneer of endocrinology, he led a brilliant team of investigators at the Wellcome Physiological Research Laboratories, discovering the action of histamine in 1910, and was actively interested in the new discoveries of other pharmacologically active substances.

When Frederick Banting and Charles H. Best made their 1921 discovery of insulin for the treatment of diabetes,

Dale went to their laboratories in Toronto to make sure it would be standardized by sound methods.

The amount of insulin first sent to this country from Canada was enough to treat only one patient. The far-sighted Dale promptly used it instead to create the standard — the measure of a dose effective enough to cause a certain reaction in animal experiment.

The institute has a framed letter of his reminiscences of the first international conference in Edinburgh in 1923 when he triumphantly presented his colleagues with pure insulin in stable powder form, measured by its effect in inducing a clinical reaction.

An international committee was formed, of which Dale became chairman. Scientists all



Pioneer: Sir Henry Dale brought order out of chaos over the world were able to agree on the biological standardization of hormones, vitamins, antibiotics and immunological products. Dale brought order where there could have been chaos.

The £2m 'safe house' that is home to dangerous bugs

The institute's present complex is largely the work of its chief administrator, Melvin Leat, and the late Sir David Evans, the institute's first director, who together led the hunt in 1976 for land available for redevelopment.

Eventually, they chose the 47-acre greenfield site at South Mimms, which had once housed a chest hospital.

The new building — a purpose-built laboratory complex — is a £25 million project, one of Europe's most modern scientific centres with 4,500 square metres of high-quality, well-equipped laboratory space and some of the best facilities for biomedical sciences in the world.

It has a Category Four

containment suite — an ultra-high-security laboratory, a building within a building, from which no dangerous bugs could possibly escape.

The £2 million building has an outer chamber, and the inner micro-biological containment suite can be entered only by security-cleared staff, who must shower after leaving.

Work in the "clean room", where staff have to wear protective clothing, is with highly pathogenic diseases such as rabies, lassa fever, or botulism.

Air is filtered and every drop of waste fluid from the containment facility, including the waste water from the staff showers, is boiled before disposal. Stringent requirements

from the Health and Safety Executive have been met.

Advanced electron microscopy and photography services and an up-to-date computer network are important features of the new facilities.

The institute has a congenial neighbour at South Mimms. The Imperial Cancer Research Fund has adjoining laboratories, and there is both social and creative contact between the two groups of scientists.

The institute's director, Dr Geoffrey Schild, said: "We seem to be building a campus here."

South Mimms may well become a name of great resonance when future generations look back on the medical progress made in the closing years of this century.

The institute is funded largely by the British taxpayer through the Department of Health and Social Security, for whom it acts as the national control authority for biological substances used in human therapy.

There is further funding from the World Health Organization and the Medical Research Council, as well as some grants from foundations and industry.

Current expenditure is about 26 million a year.

The institute makes important contributions to the work of the WHO, and also co-operates with the EEC and European Pharmacopoeia.

European guidelines are being developed for the standardization and control of biotechnological medicinal products.

The WHO has recognized the calibre of the work at South Mimms by designating it as one of their international laboratories for biological standards, a collaborating centre for viral vaccinations, and a collaborating centre for research into Aids.

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serious examples of defects in purity and variations in potency, "nor is there anything in the existing state of the law to prevent any firm or person from manufacturing sera, vaccines, etc, whether competent to do so or not". Even more worrying, "these products may be imported into this country without check or guarantee of any kind."

It was a serious public health problem. Sub-standard vaccines could give the disease or spread it instead of immunizing against it.

The deliberations of the committee on Control of Certain Therapeutic Substances Act of 1925. The Government introduced a licensing system to control the development of this new area of medicine and independent testing for "biological products", whether manufactured in Britain or imported.

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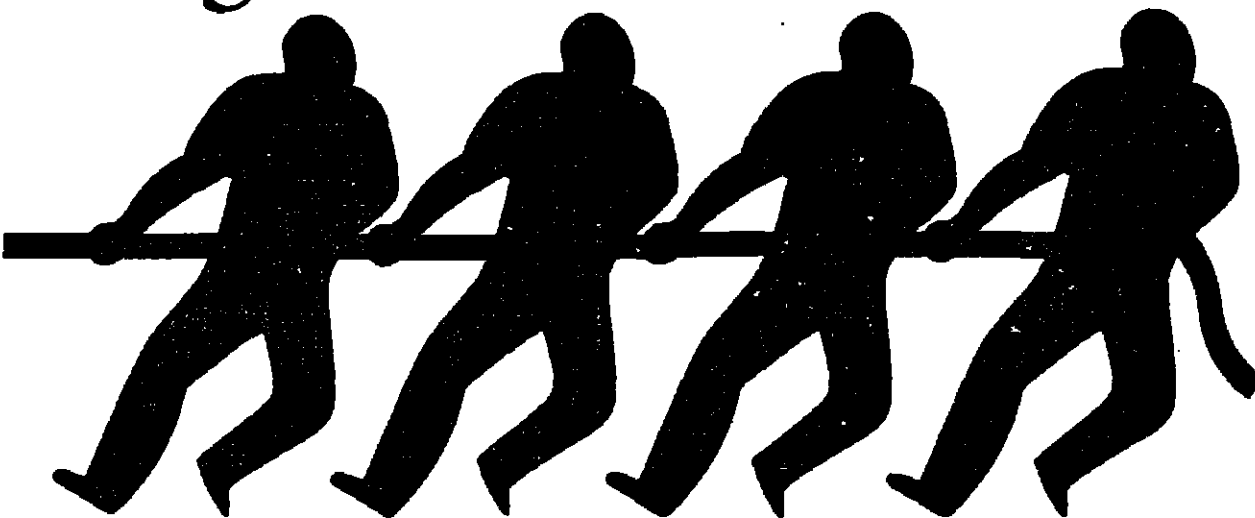
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For further details, please contact Ted

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MEDICAL MILESTONES

1798: Edward Jenner discovered that cowpox vaccine protected against smallpox. 1877: Louis Pasteur's work on anti-rabies vaccine. 1890: Karl Yersin's anti-diphtheria serum. 1890 to 1898: Development of anti-toxins for tetanus, plague, anthrax and typhoid.

1914: Thyroxine for thyroid deficiency. 1921: Insulin treatment for diabetes. 1922: BCG vaccine against

tuberculosis. 1928: Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin. 1954: Jonas Salk's polio vaccine. 1950s and 1960s: New vaccines against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. 1970s: New hormone developments. Human growth hormone. The Pill. Hormone replacement therapy. Fertility drugs. 1981: Smallpox eradicated. 1980 to 2000: Vaccines against Aids and cancer?

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National Institute for
Biological Standards and ControlMan at the heart of
a world campaignAs a leading
internationalist,
Dr Geoffrey Schild
is at the heart of
important scientific
battles

Dr Geoffrey Schild became director of the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control in 1985. Previously, he was with the Medical Research Council staff at the National Institute for Medical Research in Mill Hill until 1975, when he moved to the newly-formed NIBSC as Head of the Division of Viral Products.

During this time he was also director of the World Health Organization's Influenza Centre, appropriate preparation for his highly challenging new role as director of the Medical Research Council's directed programme of aids research, which he took on last October.

As programme director, a part-time appointment, Dr Schild takes the lead in the overall development of scientific strategy and co-ordination of the work of two scientific steering committees. More than 40 laboratories are already taking part in the Directed Programme.

The national institute itself is carrying out important work for the WHO as a Collaborating Centre for Aids, through a new department set up in 1986.

"The real impact of the disease has not begun to reach its peak yet," said Dr Schild. "The next five to seven years will be crucial."

He is encouraged by the unprecedented degree of international co-operation today, especially the recent world summit of 130 health ministers.

"Virology has traditionally been an area of great international co-operation," he explained. "Influenza is still a global epidemic disease. Even now a new strain of 'flu' could still kill millions as did the epidemic in 1918."

More than 100 individual

laboratories worldwide and centres in London and Atlanta, Georgia, are marshalled in the battle against influenza.

"I am still deeply involved with the flu vaccine," explained Dr Schild, who was on his way to a Geneva meeting to discuss the composition of the 'flu' vaccine for winter 1988/1989. "There is six months' lead time for each year's flu vaccine, and it is revised each February if new epidemics come along, and are tracked by worldwide reports."

"We have now a similar network system for Aids, providing epidemiologic intelligence through intensive international co-operation."

The Aids virus, it seems, does not change like the 'flu' virus. Different strains have been identified and the NIBSC is making a major contribution to the research by creating a "reference library" of Aids virus strains from all parts of the globe.

Dr Schild recalls that the definitive virology of Aids was not known until 1984, and

South Mimms is providing the back-up science for vaccine development but Dr Schild is at pains to stress that it's still very early days.

"During the war," he pointed out, "all the British pharmaceutical companies collaborated as never before. The fight against Aids is multi-disciplinary. Nobody knows where the answer is going to come from. It could come from a research laboratory or industry or a university."

"It's the same now, we're all getting our jackets off and rolling up our sleeves."

The institute has its own haematology department, and works closely with the Blood Transfusion Service to develop guidelines for quality control.

The institute also plays an important role in the international co-ordination of the World Health Organization's Aids Reagent Project. (A reagent is a substance that reacts on another so can, therefore, be used to detect its presence.)

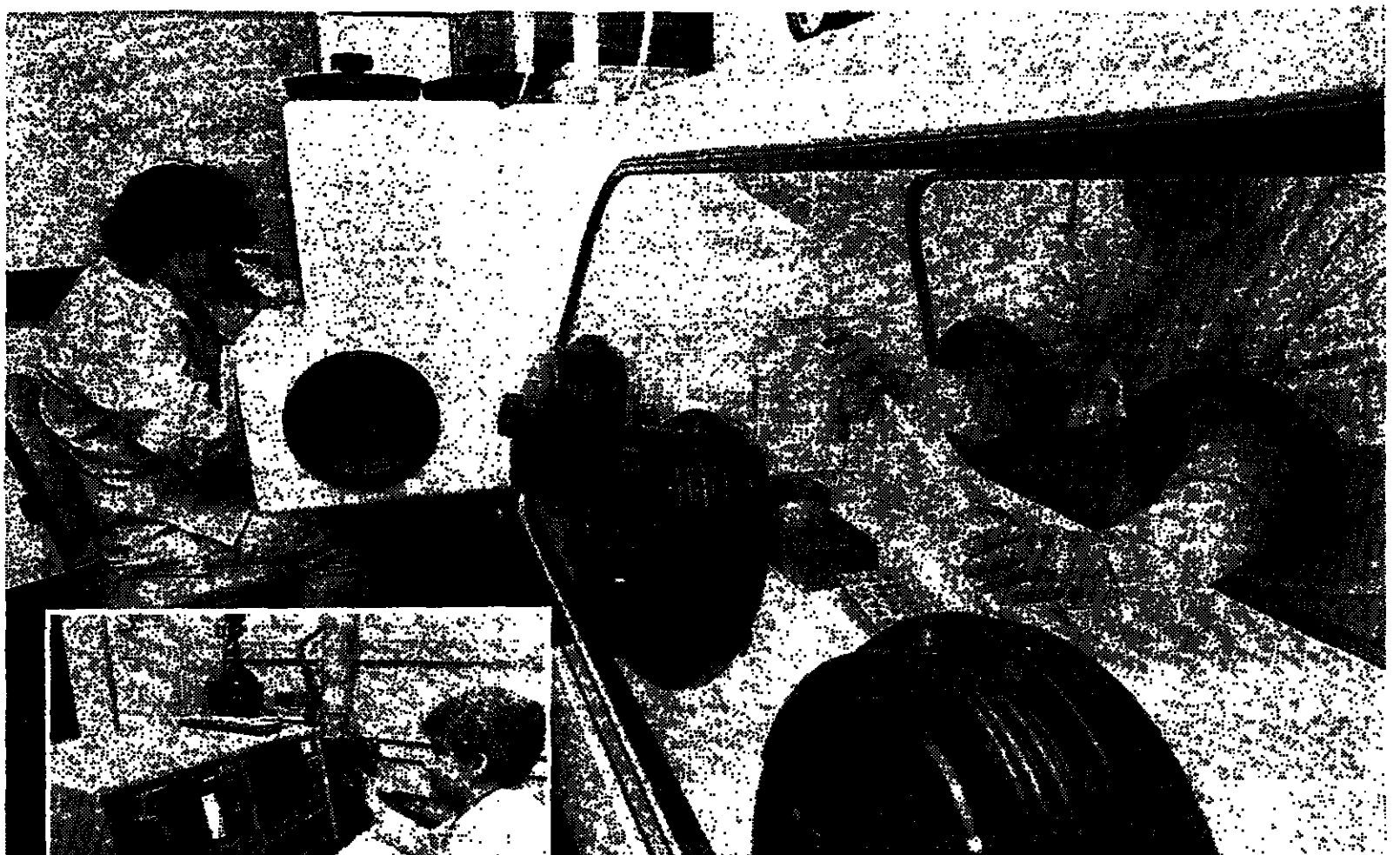
Much basic background spadework has to be done. The institute "reference library" of different strains of the Aids virus will be a vital resource.

"This is going to be critically important to help worldwide research into the disease," explained Dr Schild. "We have had to devise a nomenclature. For instance, a virus sample may be labelled HIV Type 1 / New York / the name of the laboratory / the year."

"Scientists need to know what their results mean, so they can work with the same material. To make meaningful comparisons you must have reference points."

South Mimms is carrying out patient background work preparing to test an Aids vaccine whenever it is developed and established the required biological standard which will be needed then.

"We are trying to prepare ourselves. It will be very important to have the standards in early, otherwise the clinical developments could



A hands-on operation: above, staff in the institute's clean room and inset, David Hockley, an electron microscopist at work

Microscopy on
the trail of Aids

The institute's electron microscopy and photography provides advanced services to the scientific departments. Both transmission and scanning electron microscopes are used for different projects in virology, bacteriology and haematology.

The Aids virus is being studied, but before scientists can start to attack the virus and defeat its spread, they need to know more about its structure and the changes it produces in infected cells.

When white blood cells grown in the laboratory are infected with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) some of the cells fuse to form giant cells which are unable to live normally and soon degenerate and die.

Electron microscopy shows more details of the cells and also allows study of the virus. Uninfected white blood cells have long thin projections called microvilli on their surface. When the cells are infected with HIV the microvilli are rapidly lost and replaced by big, round protrusions.

Thin sections of cells can be cut which when examined by transmission electron microscopy show details of the inside of cells and viruses.

Electron microscopy has revealed many details of the structure of the Aids virus and provides a valuable basis for further studies.

be inaccurate. These are exciting times."

Asked whether there might be a Eureka factor—a sudden

We cannot rely
on serendipity

breakthrough in the battle against Aids, Dr Schild smiled, then said, choosing his words carefully. "We like to think solid meticulous scientific work will eventually give us the answer. However, history tells us very often serendipity gets there first."

"But we cannot rely on serendipity. We must continue the solid meticulous science."

"Am I an optimist? If optimism depends on a lot of high quality work, we should be optimistic. The excitement of the 1980s is the wide range of new products. We now have new insulins, replacing the old insulins from calf or pig pancreases. We now have new ways to make insulin in the laboratory using genetic-engineering techniques."

The institute is very active in the complex field of interferons, the substance which prevents the growth of viruses and certain cells. Interferons are used in treating leukaemia.

Important work is in progress on cytokines. "Cytokines," Dr Schild explained, "are not chemical drugs, but biological sub-

stances, proteins made by genetic engineering."

Cytokines could potentially be used in diagnosing arthritis, therapy for cancer patients, and preventing the rejection of grafts and transplants.

Work is going on at South Mimms on the meningococcus which causes meningitis, on allergens, on the possibility of developing a vaccine for parasitic diseases like malaria, while the institute's bacteriology division has been evaluating an improved whooping cough vaccine developed in Japan. New hormones which could bring major medical benefits such as EPO, erythropoietin, for treating kidney failure, are under development.

Some standards are not so equal

The term "biological standard" has a precise meaning. "Standard," as scientists use the word, does not mean what it might to the layman who probably associates it with quality or approval.

A standard for biological medicines or biological substances used in human therapy, is a measure.

An internationally recognized biological standard is like the lump of platinum kept in Paris which represents the standard kilogram, or the brass yard, foot and inch measure in the City of London's Guildhall.

But it is more complicated.

The biological standard's weight or bulk is not strictly relevant. It is a measure of activity—the amount of the substance needed to produce a certain effect.

Each vaccine, for instance, has a different standard. Each standard has to be an individual one for the individual substance. Each is a complex scientific project in its own right.

Standards are needed to provide a yardstick by which pharmaceutical manufacturers and doctors around the world can ensure the doses given to patients are correctly calculated.

If standards had not been introduced in the 1920s, there would be no uniformity and no basis for comparisons. Each pharmaceutical firm could make its therapeutic compounds differently. It would be like shopping for a pound of flour, and finding that a Safeway measure differs from a Sainsbury measure. The result in recipes would be disastrous.

Without biological standards, the results in prescribing biological medicines for patients would be dangerously unpredictable.

The need for standards arises from clinical necessity.

That is why each is different. The amount of insulin required to achieve a desired lowering of the blood sugar when treating diabetes is not the same as the amount of thyroxine hormone needed to treat thyroid deficiency.

Insulin is measured by the capacity of a given amount—the standard—to reduce blood sugars. Penicillin is measured by the ability of a given amount—the standard—to kill bacteria.

Standards are established by a collaborative assay carried out in co-operation with other laboratories around the world.

Standards can actually be seen at South Mimms—in the original ampoule of insulin created by Sir Henry Dale, proudly displayed with other Dale memorabilia.

Today's standards are ampoules of a dried substance which may look like grains of flour. When the standards are created—they may have started in a test tube in liquid form—they are freeze-dried and sealed into ampoules.

A new replacement standard is created every couple of months. There are 560 currently issued. South Mimms sends them to other national

Committee has
international
membership

control laboratories worldwide, to manufacturers and to research organizations.

The NIBSC is one of the three laboratories which set up official international biological standards on behalf of the World Health Organization.

The international scientific community's decision to get to grips with the problems dates back to the 1930s.

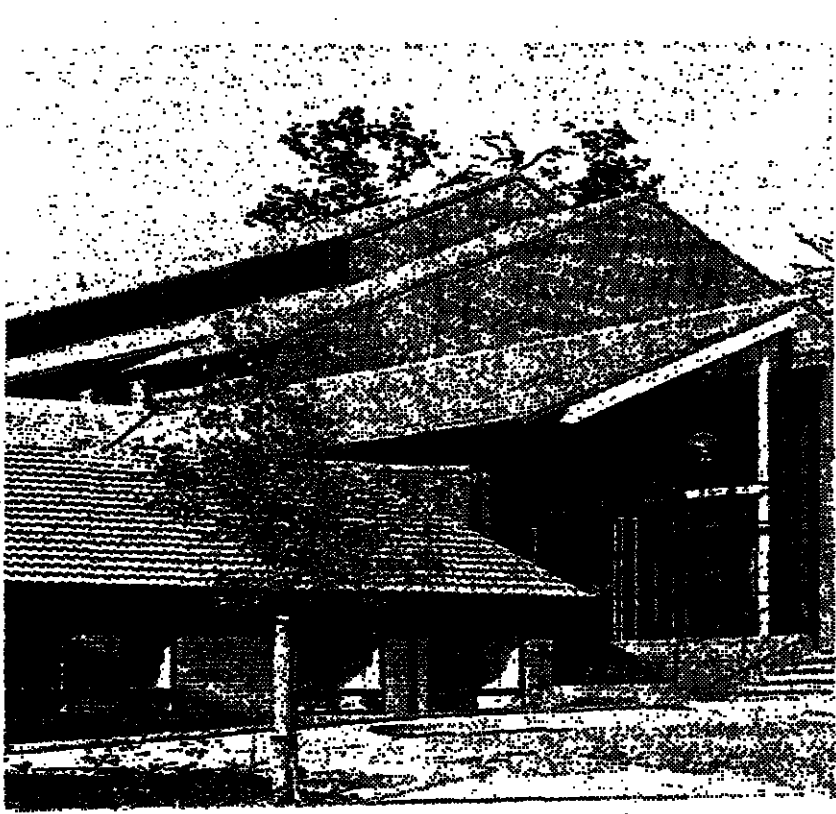
Today the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Biological Standardization has a completely international membership. The chairman is, in fact, a Russian.

New standards are needed when a new substance is discovered or a new vaccine is developed to treat an old disease. The work of both standardizing, and the other side of the institute's work, control, is vital to patient safety.

A prescription could vary dangerously in its effect if set standard measures to determine therapeutic efficacy in clinical testing did not exist.

Standards are the first step in evaluating the consistency and efficacy of the medicines called "biologics".

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Empty freedom

When the last ship was launched on Teesside in 1986, 1,400 workers trooped redundancy payments averaging over £6,000 and began casting about for future occupation. Two hundred of them found an unpaid, part-time substitute by taking part in Thames Television's year-long study of unemployment, screened last night as *Shutdown* (ITV).

This was a sober and rather dull portrait of upper-working class aspirations slowly grinding to a halt in Britain's toughest job market. Refusing to show bitterness or despair on camera, the former shipwrights and planters launched chiefly the loss of companionship, the lack of routine, the bewildering freedom of the work-free life. Most interesting of all was the amelioration of their attitudes towards dole claimants, whom they had hitherto despised.

The "enterprise culture" led two of the interviewees to set up on their own: one chartering a fishing boat, the other (inconspicuously complemented) running a fish and chip shop. The former attracted no business whatever, the latter went dancily well redeveloped whisked away his customers.

Before opening his shop, the exemplary would-be businessman had taken the extraordinary step of circulating questionnaires in working men's clubs. With its earnest canvassing and percentage quoting, the programme itself was in thrall to the dictates of sociology — of all disciplines the most patently redundant.

The blue-collar lot was even harsher in the Australian outback of 1892, which provided the backdrop for the first episode of *Land of Hope* (Channel 4). Paddy Quinn, an Irish-Catholic sheepherder, was persuaded by the boss's daughter, Nesta Darling, to forswear scabbing and join the union in its heroic tussle against her father.

The least one could say about this latest sighting of the Bondi-wagon, which sets fair to "trace" Australian history up to 1972, is that it has the confidence of its simple-mindedness — cartoon dialogue, Keeset-carpet beads and all. But since the two principals are played by disconcertingly middle-aged actors, one holds out little hope for their survival far into the present century.

Martin Cropper

Philip Langridge sings Captain Vere in English National Opera's first production of Britten's *Billy Budd*, which opens tonight. Hilary Finch talks to a quintessentially English tenor

The need to gnaw

When Philip Langridge arrived at the start of rehearsals for a certain European *Idomeneo*, he was told by the producer that he simply was not big enough to play the tragic Cretan king. And it has certainly been something of a surprise to British observers, not least to Langridge himself, to watch this slight, wiry, very English tenor, move from singing oratorio and solos with the John Alldis Choir to a succession of major tenor roles, especially 20th-century ones.

Most recently he has sung a statuesque Idomeneo at Glyndebourne, Osud at the Coliseum, a highly acclaimed Aron in *Moses and Aron* at Salzburg, and now Britten's Captain Vere in the new *Billy Budd*, which opens at English National Opera tonight.

Langridge has moved up the ladder with a degree of smoothness and stamina rare among tenors. He was a violinist first ("never wanted to be a singer, just enjoyed singing"); and it was certainly a combination of healthy separation from the vocal hothouse at an early impressionable age, and a mercurial musical intelligence, which helped him achieve lift-off.

He is not a singer's singer, either;

he describes his well-balanced, resilient and incisive tenor as "more a heightened speaking voice. And that, I believe, is the right way to sing. You don't harm yourself, and the muscles get stronger as you get older."

He toughened himself early in the modern repertoire, in work with Alexander Goehr's Music Theatre Ensemble, and having the chance, both there and at Glyndebourne, to pick up parts quickly, yet to learn and absorb gradually.

It all nourished his obsessive need to "gnaw away at a role"; and Captain Vere has certainly been giving him plenty to worry about. Edward Fairfax Vere, the Captain, was created first by Melville. His very name embodies the truth and justice he prays for, but his love of book-learning and reverence for order, combined with a stumbling self-doubt, lead him to condemn Billy Budd to death after a series of inextinguishable events.

Such is the force of the central dilemma of the Captain, morally trapped between Budd and Claggart, twin poles of good and evil, that Britten and his librettists Eric Crozier and E.M. Forster, had quite a job to shift Vere away from

centre stage, and enable Billy to be the hero. Something of an invidious position to find yourself in?

"Yes! It's a very, very hard part. For a start, it's totally unoperatic; everything Vere does, he doesn't actually do. He is an entirely passive role. The decisions he makes happen in a flash — and they're the wrong ones." Since singing the role for the first time with Scottish Opera last year, Langridge has been trying to work out where Vere goes wrong.

"He means well; he means no harm to anybody. Had it not been Billy, whom he sees as the Angel of God, he probably would have stuck him in the back of the boat, waited till he reached port, and given him a proper trial. But because he cares, and is so aware of the danger of favouritism, when Billy strikes Claggart dead he has to be ruled by the letter of the law."

I suggested that part of Vere's problem was that, while praying for the light of guidance, he was unable to accept and be directed by his own inner-light, his intuitive faculties. "But that's like most of us, surely! There's always something you've denied yourself in life — humanity, love, the ability to look without blinkers. Then, when something happens which moves

you, which removes those blinkers, you suddenly realise you've been going down the wrong road.

"And there's little you can do about it. When Billy comes into Vere's cabin, he doesn't even present him with the accusations. He's just totally overwhelmed by his presence. As he says, 'The mists have cleared... O, terror, what do I see?... It is not his trial, it is mine...'"

But Billy forgives Vere. At the end we glimpse the ageing Captain in his study, reflecting "in peace" on the past. This is, surely, a not altogether palatable example of Britten attempting to exorcise moral dilemmas by allowing them to dissolve and fade, like Peter Grimes's boat, far away on the distant horizon?

"No, I don't think he is at peace. Listen to those thundering chords, and the battery of drums pounding beneath them. He's going straight back to the beginning. The Epilogue becomes the Prologue, and it's going to happen all over again. That is Vere's hell."

Speaking of *Grimes*, Langridge has been cast in Britten's title role for Covent Garden's revival of 1989, and in the new 1991 production for ENO.



Rare stamina and a mercurial musical intelligence: Philip Langridge

When the laughter dies

THEATRE

Curtains Whitehall

Arriving at Brian Rix's old laughterdrome from Hampstead (where it was reviewed by Jeremy Kingston), and laden with awards, Stephen Bill's account of a fractious Birmingham family's introduction to euthanasia is not quite the feast of macabre fun I had been led to expect.

The scattered family have assembled in a dingy inner city living room to celebrate mother's 86th birthday, and are strenuously keeping up the party spirit around the wheel-chair-bound 50 per cent plastic memento mori who has no interest in her lovely presents or florally decorated cake.

She knows they are lying and so do they. But the grinning masquerade continues with many a covert black look and one moment of open

hostility when Susan, the prodigal daughter, makes an unscheduled return for the first time in 25 years.

The play then goes over the conventional comic brink when mother is left alone with an elder daughter (Katherine) who bunglingly does away with her, starting with pills and a plastic bag, and finishing off the job with a cushion. It is a truthfully panic-ridden scene, extremely well played by Annette Crosbie (a newcomer to Stuart Burg's cast) and the indomitable Gwen Nelson.

But comedy, at that moment, evaporates and reappears only fitfully in the second act, which shows the family trying to come to terms with a death they had all secretly desired.

The trouble is that most of the family are clearly designed as comic characters who then fail to rise to the occasion. They flare up in occasional bursts of unconscious absurdity ("we must look up her policies",

declares Margaret, another grieving daughter) or moments of cross-purpose plotting, and then subside into low-keyed wrangling.

We learn little about their off-stage lives, and they exist chiefly as domestic stereotypes: Susan (Marty Cruickshank) the warm-hearted sibling who got away; Margaret (Sheila Ballantine) the emotionally blackmailing hypocrite; Geoffrey, the compulsive moralist; and the ever so happy as when best over a hot stove making corned beef and onion pie for his women folk, followed by apple crumble.

This complacent bore — who may not be so appalling in the script — is the man everyone unbelievably turns to when in need of an attentive ear. There is his wife Carol, who fancies Les; and their post-punk son Peter, who made Wendy pregnant the day after he did it with Annie (stoned at the time) in a bath. Then there is Jackie,

Irving Wardle

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Cecil P. Taylor wrote nothing for the theatre until he was 30 and then wrote 70 plays in the next 20 years. I remember some with much pleasure, though not this one, originally called *When The Saints Go Marching In*.

The *Saints* is the name of the amateur brass band where several of the characters meet to rehearse on Saturdays. They also meet up any old day of the week in the house of Teddy (Peter Hurle), a smug and odious creep, never so happy as when best over a hot stove making corned beef and onion pie for his women folk, followed by apple crumble.

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heavily into Linda and wondering whether to leave his wife Sheila and the four kids. Les is likewise thinking of leaving Eileen — and lest we feel uneasy about Sheila and Eileen we are told that hokes sleep with them whenever the husbands are out.

These events are supposed to be taking place in Newcastle-upon-Tyne at the present time and quickly turned me into a Home Counties prude, disinclined to learn any more of their coarse shenanigans.

Though intended to be funny, the cross-purposes in Richard Haddon's production neither knit together nor build; dialogue just goes round and round until Teddy gives one of his little smiles to the audience and tells us what he thinks. Every scene is larded with explanatory comments, which work best in the few episodes of outrage — an old man turning the tables on a skinhead, or the scene at a food packers where an alien peach gateau is discovered among the "Black Forests" and is stamped to death.

Jeremy Kingston

Old gold keeps its lustre

JAZZ

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Since his previous appearance at the South Bank, last summer, Stan Getz has undergone major surgery. On Monday evening however, it took him only 15 minutes to demonstrate that serious illness has not affected his inimitable tone.

For those who needed it, the proof came in two sumptuous ballad performances: "Warm Valley" and "Thad Jones's less-played 'Yours And Mine'". Percolating the melody through his tenor, Getz extracted the essence of each piece with apparent ease. In



Stan Getz: sumptuous ballads

"Warm Valley", in particular, all that was left was the opening phrase, pitched far higher than usual, and the final piano pay-off. The rest was pure Getz, alternating between shimmering whispers and sudden surges in volume. This was the first London

performance by his new quartet which, apart from the faithful Victor Lewis on drums, also includes pianist Larry Willis and the bass player Anthony Cox.

On some of the faster numbers, among them "Real Life", the rhythm section swung somewhat mechanically. Willis spinning seductive if superficial solos. To be fair though, it hardly matters who is playing behind the leader. All that matters is the tenor sound.

Clearly determined to ration his energy, Getz stepped aside halfway through the concert to allow one of his Stamford University saxophone pupils, Joey Oliveira, to take centre-stage.

At 61, Getz is a mere stripling compared to Harry Edison, the ex-Basie, ex-Sinatra trumpeter who has just completed another extensive British tour. With one of the most delicate timbres in the business (hence his nickname "Sweetie") his concerts

are always good value.

Or almost always. Sadly, his final appearance in Soho was marred by the rowdy behaviour of a number of drunken guests who were allowed to disrupt the first two sets. Many musicians might have been tempted to walk off.

Edison and the Tony Kinsey trio battled on, skipping through the traditional swing song book, including "Wonderful" and "There Will Never Be Another You" via a Latin interlude on "Wave". An engaging showman, Edison still has all the right notes, particularly on muted horn. For once, though, he kept the blues numbers to a minimum.

Given the circumstances, his admirers might have been better off staying at home to listen to the kind of classic jamming performance he turns in on *Back To Back*, the celebrated 1959 encounter with Ellington and Johnny Hodges.

Clive Davis

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Orphée et
Euridice
Seattle Opera

To celebrate last year's bi-centennial of Gluck's death, the Seattle Opera have just given the first complete American performances, in the 20th century, of the 1774 revision of *Orphée et Euridice*. Recast for the Paris Opéra by the composer from his more austere 1762 Italian version,

the French *Orphée* demands a vocal type for its title role that is almost extinct — the *haute-contre* tenor.

Yet the young American Vinson Cole triumphed in his first attempt at this stratospheric role. There were a few transpositions in ensemble, but Cole sang the arias in the original keys — including the first act's fearsome exit aria, long thought to be spurious, but now generally accepted as a borrowing from an earlier Gluck work.

Cole's vivacious romp through this coloratura showpiece was as exciting as his lamenting of Euridice's death had been sweetly languorous. Sounding like a young Leopold Simoneau in the haunting tenderness of his upper register, Cole's limpid characterization was contrasted by the edgy sensuality of Sheri Greenawald's modern-day Euridice.

Instead of the anachronistic toe shoes and togas one often finds in the "Dance of the Blessed Spirits", director Stephen Wadsworth's imaginative solution was to stage pantomime in which Euridice overcomes her fear of death

and accepts the joy that awaits her in the Elysian Fields.

This moving sequence built to the moment when Greenawald's clear soprano burst radiantly into "Cet asile aimable et tranquille", demonstrating how this "reform opera" changed *seria* conventions into music drama.

Wadsworth's sensitive collaborators included conductor George Manahan, who created 18th century elegance and urgency with a pick-up chamber orchestra; designers Thomas Lynch (sets), Peter Kaczorowski (lighting) and Martin Pakledinaz (costumes).

Furnishing that flash of brilliance that matches the sophistication of the Paris version was the dancing and choreography of Mark Morris, the American wunderkind, who this summer succeeds Maurice Bejart in Brussels, not only thoroughly integrated his 13-member Dance Group with Wadsworth's chorus, but created a sensation in the solo role of "Orphée's spirit".

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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Malcolm Brown

The town on the upswing

When Telford new town was inaugurated in 1968 the planners saw it as an over-spill for Birmingham and Wolverhampton. The industrial Midlands was booming. People and business needed breathing space. Telford would take some of the heat off the West Midlands conurbation and in the process become a thriving industrial city in its own right. The population would grow from 75,000 to more than 225,000.

That was the theory. But it did not happen that way. Industrial decline and recession have changed the Midlands beyond recognition and the special relationship between the Midlands' big cities and the new town named by an optimistic housing and local government minister after one of our great engineers is a distant memory.

Far from being able to provide other areas with people and the seeds of new industry, Birmingham and Wolverhampton have long since batted

TELFORD FACTS

Area: 30 sq miles embracing the communities of Dawley, Madeley, Ironbridge, Oakengates and Wellington
Population: 113,000
Employment: Manufacturing, 19,607; services, 25,300; other, 3,945. Total, 48,852
Unemployment rate: 14.4 per cent
MP: Bruce Gorratt, Labour

down the hatches and left Telford to its own devices.

Twenty years on, the dreams of the late 1960s have been forgotten. Instead of a population of 225,000, the town is now edging just over 113,000 and aiming for 130,000 by the early 1990s. The ultimate target is 150,000 or so by the year 2000.

The town is, however, at last starting to enter a period of relative buoyancy. For ages it was on what seemed an interminable merry-go-round of gains and losses. Every time

a new company was brought in, one of the old, indigenous metal-bashing firms would cut back even further, leaving Telford exactly where it was, or worse off.

From the start of the 1980s unemployment climbed savagely until, by 1985, it had reached a dreadful 22 per cent. That figure is now down to 14.4 per cent and Michael Morgan, the development corporation's general manager, says Telford is, for the moment, at least, on a "high".

"We've a tremendous amount of investment coming," said Mr Morgan. "Our level of inquiries, about 800 a year, is the highest we've ever had."

The crucial turning point after many setbacks came in the late-1970s when the corporation finally got government permission not just to market itself in the rest of the UK (which had been forbidden) but in the US, mainland Europe and Japan.

That new marketing policy is bearing fruit. "As you go around Telford," said Mr Morgan, "you see all the buildings, all the development. Every building represents jobs."



Times past: Eustace Rogers, a coracle-maker, with Telford's Iron Bridge over the Severn

Morgan. "You see all the buildings, all the development. Every building represents jobs."

Many of the new companies are British, but more than 70 foreign firms have settled in the area, most noticeably the Japanese. Leading Japanese corporations such as Hitachi, Ricoh, Toshiba and NEC have made big investments and plan more.

Mr Morgan thinks that one of the most encouraging signs that the local economy is

maturing in a way which will improve its long-term chances of survival is the number of new investors putting up their own factories.

In the early days the pattern was for incoming firms to rent from the development corporation. That has changed. More firms now buy than rent.

Mr Morgan said: "To invest in your own premises you need confidence, not just in the company itself, but in the area. We've now reached the point where the overwhelming

amount of investment in the town over the last five years or so has been companies investing in their own buildings."

Mr Morgan thinks that two crucial events underpinned that growing confidence: the opening, in 1983, of the long-promised M54 motorway linking Telford with the M6, and, a few months later, the launching of the town's enterprise zone.

"That really has been a catalyst," he said. "It's a major financial benefit because the

total cost of your factory or office is offset against tax."

The enterprise zone has already attracted about 66 new companies, which in turn have created 4,600 new jobs. The total investment in building and plant is estimated at £225 million when they are all operating.

Mr Morgan thinks that the mix of companies is now about right. "We've a broad base, a wide spectrum of industry, in this town. That's part of our policy. The development corporation's remit is to work itself out of a job. It has been told by the Government that it should be in a position to roll up its tents and let the towns get on unaided by the autumn of 1991. That target will be reviewed nearer the date."

There is still a lot to do, says Mr Morgan. He wants to attract more white-collar jobs. The multiple effect of these high-spending employees is good for the economy and leads balance to the area.

Mr Morgan is not a man for regrets, but he does get irritated when he thinks of the seemingly endless privatisation over the building of the M54. The town needed the motorway four or five years earlier than it actually got it.

"Undoubtedly we would have been much much further down the road than we are at the present time," says Mr Morgan. "But we're motoring very fast. We're making up for the time lost."

Zone for a vital new life

Telford Enterprise Zone has transformed the new town, says its manager, Elynn Jones. When the zone was designated in 1984, Telford's fortunes were at a low ebb. In four years the zone — and the improved communications brought about by the completion of the M54 linking the town with the M6 and Birmingham — has helped pump new life into the area.

"The unemployment rate has come rocketing down, from 22 per cent to around 14 per cent," said Mr Jones. "More than 4,600 new jobs have already been created in the zone and he expects that to have reached nearly 10,000 by the end of 1990 when the zone's life comes to an end."

The enterprise zone is split into five separate areas:

● Area 1. The town's Business Park, the catchment area for new office development. The most significant investment has been by the Windsor Life insurance group, which has moved its HQ there.

● Area 2. The high-tech zone. Mr Jones says its success is shown by the speculative developers who have moved in to provide accommodation.

● Area 3. What the development corporation calls a "campus" site, for large-scale prestige developments. Ricoh, the Japanese photocopier manufacturer, built a 110,000 sq ft factory in its own parkland in 1985 and has now expanded to 270,000 sq ft.

● Area 4. A large part of the Stafford Park industrial estate and the largest single area within the whole zone.

● Area 5. One part of the zone in private ownership — the Liffeshall company owns 25 acres.

Mr Jones says that one of the main attractions of the zone is that instead of choosing its more run-down areas for designation, Telford nominated its prime ones.

"The successes that we've achieved have been brought to the notice of other investors who have invested in all parts of Telford. The zone has created an aura of success."

The town has taken quite a tough policy on who may and may not get into the zone and on what conditions. Mr Jones said: "All occupied property was excluded from the zone, so that there were no existing companies that received a windfall benefit."

"Second, we have been very tight in excluding retailing activities from the zone. We've a huge new investment in the town centre where many companies (Gateway, Salisbury, Debenhams, Marks & Spencer) have made large investments."

Telford made a bid last year to expand the existing 275-acre zone by around 100 acres. But the Government said in December that there would be no new enterprise zones or extensions of existing ones.

Birthplace of industry

Telford gave birth to the Industrial Revolution. The spark was lit in 1709 when a local ironmaster, Abraham Darby, had the bright idea of using coke as his fuel instead of the customary charcoal.

That simple change made possible an enormous increase in the scale of iron making and the technology spread rapidly and transformed industry.

Darby's descendants — all called Abraham, but distinguished, like kings, by numerals — all became leaders in the field and a remarkable series of innovations flowed from their foundries.

They and other ironmasters in the Ironbridge Gorge constantly broke new ground. In 1729 iron wheels for railway waggon wheels were cast at Coalbrookdale in the gorge. Iron rails were made in 1767.

Historian Barrie Trinder calculates that by 1805 the area was producing about 50,000 tons of iron a year, about 20 per cent of the national output.

Telford's boom time was short-lived — just a century and a half — and from the 1870s on the area went into slow decline. By the 1960s it had become a byword for dereliction: a guide book described a journey through Telford as like driving through a "B" movie in black and white.

Today there seems a massive irony in that the road signs welcoming the visitor say simply: "Telford. Birthplace of Industry."

Last year over 7,000 new jobs were created in Telford.

In that same period over one and a quarter million square feet of factory floor space was let.

This year will see the start of multi-million pound building programmes from Seiko Epson, NEC, Ricoh, Peaudouce, Marks and Spencer, and the District Land Registry.

In short, in Telford things are going well. So well, in fact, that it is now the fastest growing town in the West Midlands.

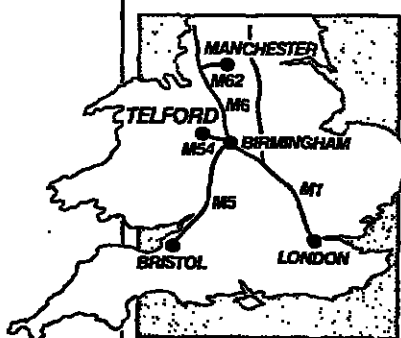
But it's not only the quantity of the development going on in the town that bodes so well for its future. It's the quality, too.

The companies we've mentioned will be working alongside the likes of Maxell, Nikon, Lucas Industries, Westinghouse, British Brown Boveri, Tatung and many others.

Companies of this stature don't make the decision to locate in a town on the basis of short term profits. They'll only invest if they're convinced of a site's long term viability.

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Manufacturing, however, isn't the only type of development that has been attracted.

Barclays and Lloyds have both chosen Telford for Business Banking operations. The Inland Revenue have established their National Computer Development Centre in the town. And the insurance company Windsor Life are moving their headquarters from the south east to Telford's Enterprise Zone.

The town has also developed into a thriving community. Population has grown from 80,000 in 1971, to over 111,000 today. 20,000 new homes have been built and land has been set aside for 12,000 more.

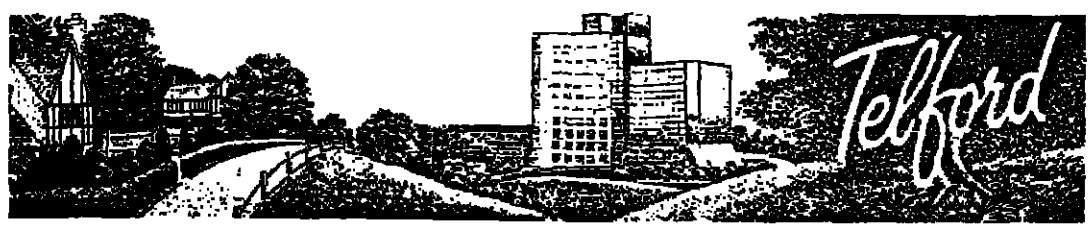
Telford's facilities are everything you'd expect and include a racquet and fitness centre that serves six counties, as well as one of the most modern shopping complexes in Europe.

As the town is set amongst some of Britain's finest countryside, opportunities abound for enjoying the outdoor life. Indeed, nearby Ironbridge has recently been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

To find out more about Telford's success just ring Chris Mackrell, Commercial Director on 0952 613131. Or better still, visit the town yourself. You can take the M54 Telford Motorway, or travel by train from London Euston in just over two hours.

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Home links kept alive

One of the busiest schools in Telford New Town operates only one day a week. The Telford Saturday Japanese Language School opens every Saturday morning to keep the children of Japanese executives in touch with Japanese language and culture.

The school was set up in 1984, with the help of the development corporation, to fulfil a promise made to the president of Hitachi Maxwell, the first big Japanese investor in the new town, that if the Japanese did move to Telford, their educational needs would be taken care of.

There are now 76 foreign manufacturing companies in Telford New Town. The largest single category is American — 27 companies, representing more than 1,000 new jobs — but it is the Japanese link which has attracted most attention and which, at the end of the day, is perhaps the more important for Telford.

The American companies tend to be in rented accommodation and, like all US businesses overseas, tend to account on a quarterly basis, with the obvious threat that, if the economy goes into a downturn, they will probably pull out.

The Japanese, by contrast, have nearly all bought, or are planning to buy, their own premises. They are putting in "patient money," prepared, as they would be in Japan itself, to consider Telford a long-term investment.

Among the Japanese companies that have set up in Telford are Hitachi Maxwell (video tapes), Ricoh (photocopiers), NEC (video cassette recorders) and Seiko (computer printers).

It is estimated that by 1992 the total investment by Japanese companies in Telford will be worth nearly £107 million, providing 2,500 jobs.

When the Thatcher Government loosed the reins on the corporation at the end of the 1970s and let it recruit companies and jobs anywhere in the UK or overseas, the development corporation

made a two-pronged attack on the US and Japan.

The American effort was concentrated initially on Chicago — because the planners believed the industrial profiles of the Midlands and the Midwest were so close that there would be an immediate empathy on the part of the Americans. It then moved to the West coast and Florida in search, though not very successfully, of US high-technology companies.

The Japanese effort followed in 1979.

Chris Hunter, the corporation's manager for market research and Far-Eastern promotions, said: "The market approach in Japan was quite different. At that time there wasn't a vast amount of Japanese investment in Europe or the UK. We were going on a hunch, based on the rapid growth in trade between the UK, Europe and Japan."

Consultants advised the corporation from the start that any approach to the Japanese should be very highly targeted, rather than broad-brush.

"It wasn't a question of TV advertising, or advertising in magazines," said Mr Hunter. "It was very much more refined."

The trick was to identify those Japanese companies that had already invested in the US because the next stage was likely to be the Continent — analysis had shown that the Japanese, when they wanted to expand overseas, almost always followed the same pattern: other parts of the Far East, followed by America, then Europe.

A key figure in helping Telford win business was a Japanese woman, Mrs Mie Teno, who had started with a Tokyo office of management consultants, A.T. Kearney (Telford's designated consultants in Japan), then branched out on her own, taking the Telford business with her.

Mr Hunter said: "She effectively became the Telford Development Corporation in Japan. She could rely on the support and services back here to help her in what she was doing."



The Japanese Saturday School in Telford with Asuka Kameko, aged seven, and Chiko Sakiyama, eight, in the foreground



Success: Robert and Beryl Foskett — £8.5 million turnover

A cracking idea

Behind Robert Foskett's desk at Magna Specialist Confectioners, on the Telford New Town enterprise zone, is a hand-written letter with some crude calculations on it — the entire business plan which he submitted to his bank manager in 1972, when he needed an £800 loan to launch a chocolate Easter egg business.

It was an odd sort of ambition. Mr Foskett was part of a local grocery family which had come under pressure in 1968 when a hypermarket rolled into town, steamrolling all the competition.

After a try at being ice cream distributors for Walls, Robert Foskett and his wife Beryl realized that a curious new product, freeze pops, (liquids in tubular plastic containers which could be frozen and eaten like an ice lolly), were taking business away from the ice cream trade, so they bought a machine and

made the freeze pops themselves. By 1972, having gathered a few staff around them, they began to wonder what to do for the winter, when there was no demand for freeze pops.

"One of our customers suggested we made Easter eggs and he would give us an order for 2,000 dozen," Mr Foskett said.

Today, still family owned and controlled, the company employs 500 people and makes 15 million eggs a year.

Much of that tonnage is for other companies, which put them out under household brand names, but Magna is now moving into character merchandising under its own name. It has the UK chocolate confectionery licence for Rupert Bear and is launching new lines based on Tom and Jerry, Popeye and the Pink Panther.

A turnover of £36,000 in the first year is now £8.5 million.



Towering tribute: sculptor André Wallace and the new 6ft bronze of Thomas Telford commissioned by the town

It has taken 20 years for Telford to put up a statue in honour of the great engineer after whom it is named. Thomas Telford's association with the area started in the 1780s when, bored with the work he was doing in Edinburgh, he walked to London in search of something more interesting and there met Sir William Pulteney, who became MP for Shrewsbury, and the engineer's most important patron. In 1786 Telford was appointed Surveyor of Public Works for Shropshire where he turned his hand to building roads and bridges. He even designed churches at Bridgnorth, Malinslee and Madeley. André Wallace, the London sculptor who has made the Telford statue — it will be unveiled in April — used cast iron for the letters T.Telford and made the 6ft figure in bronze. The figure is based on previous sculptures and paintings of Telford.

How to build a community

Anyone who thinks that the Lightmoor Community in Telford has anything to do with the lentils-and-sandals brigade is quickly disillusioned. It is not a commune, says Gerwyn Lewis, a craft and design teacher who is chairman of the community's council of management. It is a "working neighbourhood."

The community, which won the top award in last year's Times/Royal Institute of British Architects Community Enterprise Scheme, consists of 14 families who are building their own little village on a scrap of land just a mile or so north of Shropshire's beautiful Ironbridge Gorge.

The 63 inhabitants range from a bricklayer to a research worker, a pair of musicians to a deputy head teacher. These are the out-workers. Others, like the lady with the knitting machines and the two furniture makers, will work on Lightmoor itself.

The scheme was actually dreamt up by the Town and Country Planning Association, which several years ago wrote to many local authorities asking if they would be prepared to help set up experimental communities where self-determination would be the order of the day.

The crucial point would be to keep the planners and bureaucrats at bay and see how ordinary people managed on their own. The communities would be given marginal, low-grade land and left to get on with it.

"What they wanted," said Mr Lewis, "was a group of pioneer-minded people to get together to see what they could achieve without having the weight of authority on top of them. It's planning from the bottom up."

In the event, only two schemes, in Liverpool and Telford, got off the ground.

The various layers of authority concerned have been prepared to bend the rules to give the community the kind of freedom it needs to exercise its muscles.

You get your first shock when you turn off the road up a rough track to the community's site. On one side is a

light-industrial area, on the other a scrapyard. The Lightmoor site itself is muddy and wind-blown. But the houses that are rising here would not look out of place in *Homes and Gardens* — large, architect-designed dwellings which, if they were on the open market in Surrey, would have stockbrokers paying very serious money for them.

The only remotely primitive thing about the Lightmoor site are the battered trailers that most of the residents are living in as, at weekends and every spare moment in between, they set to building their houses, often lending each other a hand.

Some of the families had money from previous properties to give them a start at Lightmoor, but there are also five houses on the north side of the site which are being financed through a special housing association. The families which live there will at first rent, then, when they become more established, transfer to a mortgage arrangement.

Mr Lewis is aware of the danger that this mixture of straight ownership and housing association ownership might cause tensions, creating a sort of north-south divide on the site. But really, he says, that is just part of the challenge of creating a community.

The community meets formally once a month, but because so much of the building involves all the families helping one another (they have for instance just built their own drainage system and communal septic tank) it is very cohesive.

Mr Lewis thinks that the main lesson being learned at Lightmoor is that left to themselves people will make good, sensible decisions. Bureaucracy does not have a monopoly of wisdom. Given room to manoeuvre, ordinary people do have an enormous amount of creative energy and plenty of commonsense.

The houses at Lightmoor did not have to be approved by the local authority. They were passed by the community itself, and then went through officialdom more or less on the nod.

Where are 300 new jobs in Telford coming from?

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- 6.30 **Cockatoo AM**.
6.30 **Gi Lamb in Lost in a Turkish Bath** (r). 6.55 **Weather**.
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Jeremy Paxman and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. Plus the latest news from the Winter Olympics in Calgary.
8.30 **Lawrence and Shirley**. American comedy series. 8.55 **Regional news and weather**.
9.00 **News** and weather followed by **Open Air**. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r). 10.25 **Children's BBC**. Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r) and **The Wombles** (r).
10.55 **Five to Eleven**. A reading by David King. 11.00 **News** and weather followed by **Open Air**, presented by Bob Wallings and Patti Colwell.
12.00 **News** and weather followed by **Olympic Report**. Highlights of the free dance section of the figure skating championship. Plus, the women's 3,000m speed skating event. 12.15 **Regional news and weather**.
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. Weather 1.30 **Neighbours**. Madge is staggered by her mother's revelations. 1.50 **Going for Gold**.
2.15 **Film: Striker's Mountain** (1973) starring Leslie Nielsen, Mini Kuiper and Bruce Greenwood. A made-for-television drama, set in the Canadian Rockies, about the owner of a ski resort that has been forced into a merger with a developer. Directed by Alan Simmons.

- 6.30 **Play's House** (r). 4.00 **Animal Fair** (r). 4.05 **Laurel and Hardy**. Cartoon version (r). 4.10 **Jackanory**. Michael Maloney with part three of *Goody* (r).
4.30 **Gruesy**. The first of a new six-part series about mischievous northern lad whose ambitions always seem to have calamitous consequences. Starring Kieran O'Brien. 5.00 **Newsround**.
5.05 **Macbeth**. Episode three of the six-part drama and Mary tries desperately to warn the children of the arrival of a ghost hunter. (Coefax) 5.35 **Neighbours** (r).
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Heydon. 6.35 **London Place**.
7.00 **Wings**. Tonight's guests include Peter Cushing and Colonel Blazford. 7.35 **The Clothes Show** attends an international fashion show at the Sydney Opera House in which Britain is represented by Jean Muir and Bruce Oldfield (r).
8.00 **Dalies**. Sue Elton and her revenge on J.R. (Coefax).
8.30 **Points of View** with Anne Robinson.
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Maryline Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **Q.E.D. Mad Dogs** and an **Explainers**. The story of Gary Sheppard, a 24-year-old Eastbourne life-saving attendant and his attempt to run 500 miles from Casper's Palace in Las Vegas through Nevada and the hottest place in the Western Hemisphere, Death Valley, California, and back. (Coefax).
10.15 **Thames Valley**. The story of a woman's quest for a ski jumper, figure skater and ice hockey. Plus boxing from Glasgow — the British lightweight championship bout between Alex Dickson and Steve Boyle.
12.10 **News**.

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- 6.00 **TV-am**. Includes **Good Morning Britain** at 7.00 and 8.00.
9.00 **Wacday** presented by Timmy Mallett.
9.25 **Thames news**.
9.30 **Give Us a Clue**. Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. 10.00 **Santa Barbara**. 10.25 **News headlines**.
10.30 **Time to Play**.
10.35 **Michael Rodd** chairs a discussion on a topical subject. 11.10 **Affairs**. 11.25 **Thames news headlines**.
11.30 **Women Writers**. A profile of South African writer Nadine Gordimer, filmed on holiday in the South of France. 12.00 **What You Were Here... 7 With David Jensen**. Judith Chalmers at Cliveden and the Trossachs, and a case on self-catering and farmhouse holidays in England (r).
12.30 **News** with Julia Somerville.
1.00 **What's My Line?** presented by Penelope Keith. Followed by **Crimetime**. 1.30 **A Country Practice**.
2.30 **Video for Women** presented by Sheila McDonald. Do nurses have the right to strike? The guest is Hector MacKenzie, general secretary of Cobas.
3.00 **Gems**. Rag trade drama serial. 3.25 **Thames news headlines**.
3.30 **Sons and Daughters**.
4.00 **Road**. Jane Austen's *The Adventures of Mary*. 4.10 **Tower**. 4.20 **The Wind in the Willows**. Animated adventures of Toad and his chums. 4.45 **C.A.B.**.
5.15 **Connections**. Quiz game presented by Sue Robble.
5.45 **News** with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 **Thames Valley**.
6.25 **Help with News** of the Apex Trust, a national organization which aims to find employment for ex-offenders.
6.30 **Evening News**. Beckindale is abuzz with talk of Jack's romance with Barbara.

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- 9.30 **Schools** (r).
12.00 **Business Daily**. Financial and business news presented by Susanam Simons.
12.30 **John Peel**. A series for both deaf and hearing children.
1.00 **Reaching Agreement**. The second of five programmes linked to *Open* on communication skills in the workplace (r). (Coefax).
1.30 **Working Words**. Part seven of the 10-programme series and Christopher Turk of the University of Wales talks to six Holland Park Comprehensive pupils about speaking skills. (Coefax).
2.00 **The Parliament Programme**.
2.30 **Film: The Invisible Woman**. 1935 film starring Virginia Bruce, John Barrymore and John Howard. Comedy about an eccentric scientist who invents a machine to make people invisible, beginning with a young model who wants to take revenge on her employer. Directed by A. Edward Sutherland.
3.50 **Film: Dim Little Island** (1949). A film about the thoughts of a young man who, in the future as seen through the eyes of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, naturalist James Fisher, cartoonist Osbert Lancaster and industrialist John Aronson. Directed by Humphrey Jennings.
4.00 **Mavis on 4**. Mavis Nicholson talks to American writer Toni Morrison about her life in childhood in a poor black mining community to international acclaim as a prize-winning novelist.
4.30 **Fifteen to One**. Quick-thinking quiz game presented by William G. Stewart.
5.00 **The Amateur Naturalist**. In part six of their 13-programme series Gerald and Les Durrell examine the 80-year-old New Forest in autumn and in spring (r). (Coefax).
5.30 **I Dream of Jeanne**. Vintage American comedy series starring Larry Hagman and Barbara Beland.
6.00 **Family Ties**. Comedy starring Meredith Baxter Birney and Michael J. Fox.

- 6.30 **An Outside Chance**. Part three of Robert Kee's series on the range of non-custodial alternatives available to the courts. Today's programme focuses on Sherborne House, a project for young offenders run by the Inner London Probation Service.
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Sue Carpenter.
7.50 **Comment**. This week's political slot is filled by Gillian Shephard, Conservative MP for S.W. Norfolk.
8.00 **Citizen 2000**. The final programme of this year's series profiles six-year-old Rachel born in Sheffield with cerebral palsy.
8.30 **A Woman in Politics** presented by Nick Ross. A ministry under fire — the case for splitting the department of health and social security. Plus, what the inner-city supremo learned in the United States.
9.00 **Girls on Top** (r). (Coefax).
9.30 **Women in View**. This week's edition includes the growing trend of women setting up in business of their own, and an exploration of sexist advertising. The guest is the chairman of the Advertising Standards Authority, Professor Lord McGregor of Durrie.
10.00 **Comedy**. Comedy serial starring Hale and Pace, Bryan Pringle and Barbara Windsor.
10.30 **Tickets for the Titanic**. The first of a series of three black comedies on the subjects of police surveillance, anti-social security services and entrepreneurial small business. Tonight, a harmless vicar is transferred to a country parish in which there is a peace camp. Starring Tony Robinson, Jack Shepherd, Richard O'Callaghan and Benjamin Whitrow.
11.30 **The Late Shift** beginning with Johnny Staccato (r/w). Vintage adventures of a New York jazz pianist and private detective, starring John Cassavetes.
12.05 **Amelia**. Aretha Franklin in concert in Detroit.
1.10 **Grover Washington Jr** in concert. Ends at 2.15.

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Aitken to quit board of TV-am

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Mr Jonathan Aitken, Conservative MP for Thanet South, announced yesterday that he would do the "honourable thing" and resign his TV-am directorship following the imminent sale of the controversial Saudi Arabian shareholding in the breakfast-time station.

But in spite of growing criticism over his role in the 14.9 per cent foreign-owned stake, Mr Aitken insisted the investment had always been correctly handled in line with the Independent Broadcasting Authority's legal requirements, and nothing wrong had been done.

The IBA, which has to be informed of shareholdings exceeding 1 per cent held by non-EEC organizations or individuals in commercial television companies, was only told of the Saudi interest on February 10.

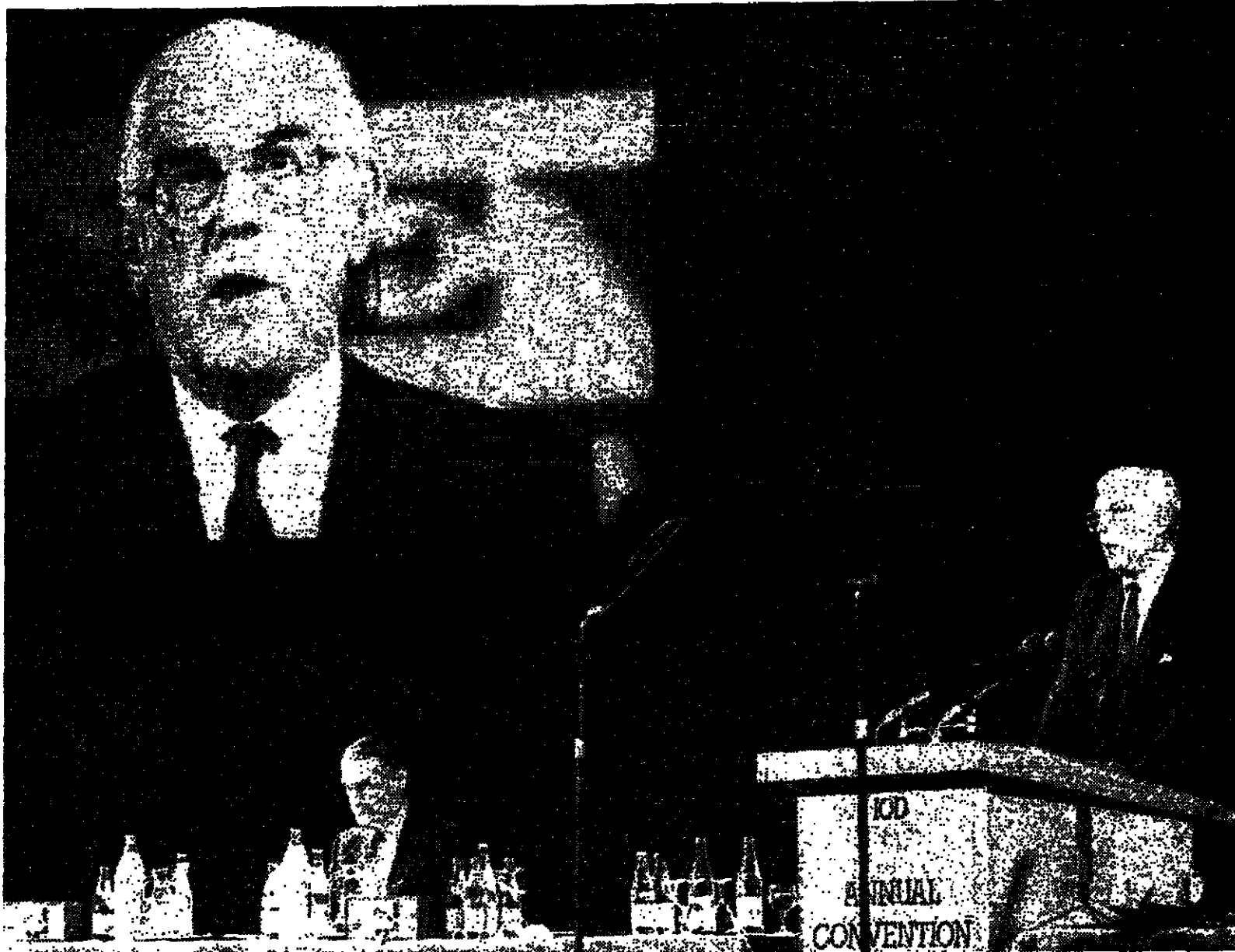
Beaverbrook Investments, which holds the investment on behalf of the Saudis, is due to be sold. An announcement is expected within 48 hours.

Mr Aitken said he intended to resign once the firm had been sold because he believed it was the "right and proper course of action."

The Saudis' "indirect non-voting" investment had been handled correctly, he said, but with the wisdom of seven years' hindsight he accepted that the confidential requirements of his clients were given too high a priority above the candour that should have been offered to our colleagues on the board of TV-am.

"Although nothing wrong has been done and even though the Aitken controlled Saudi investment in TV-am at one stage probably saved the company, nevertheless I feel the honourable thing is for me shortly to resign from the board," Mr Aitken said.

BBC chief warns of 'gutter television'



Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC, dominating proceedings yesterday with Sir John Hoskyns, director general of the Institute of Directors, at the institute's annual convention in London.

Mr Hussey warned that television standards and programme quality may be seriously threatened by the wave of new channels due to be broadcasting in Britain by the 1990s. He said competition for advertising between stations could become so fierce that television might, in effect, end up with its own version of Fleet Street's "gutter press". (Richard Evans, Media Editor, writes.)

The BBC chairman's fears were voiced only days after Mr Richard Dunn, managing director of Thames Television, said that more competition

in broadcasting would "almost certainly" mean lower standards.

Faced with the new competition, it was more important than ever for the BBC to establish the benchmarks of quality against which others were tested, Mr Hussey said.

Looking ahead to the sweeping changes about to affect broadcasting, he recalled how new technology in the newspaper industry had failed overall to improve standards.

"It is significant that while the newspaper revolution has strengthened the quality market it can hardly be said to have done the same for that sector which reaches out for mass audiences and greater shares of consumer advertising. I hope the same will not occur in broadcasting."

"I am not alone in fearing this. The Home Secretary has discussed standards with us and the director general and I have given him an undertaking that the BBC will take firm steps to eradicate unnecessary and gratuitous violence, sex and bad language from our programmes."

As channels multiplied, more programmes would be competing for the same audience, funded from the same advertising pot.

"The ratings game will become fiercer and with it the temptation to go for the mass end of the market."

ITN and BBC news both deserved their high reputation, but Mr Hussey asked: "Will the deregulation of broadcasting create sources with that same independence and that same quality, or will news programmes

become as diverse in quality and accuracy as our newspapers?"

He voiced his concerns in an otherwise upbeat review of the BBC's activities since taking over as chairman 15 months ago. He admitted there had been a touch of complacency at the BBC when he arrived, combined with a reluctance to acknowledge the right of the public to criticize. The BBC had, however, started getting closer to the public and becoming more businesslike.

The new TV channels provided a magnificent opportunity for the BBC to sell its programmes. "So Auntie is now loosening her corsets and wading firmly into the market place", he said.

Convention reports, page 28 (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Commons sketch

Long on sermons, short on humility

With only a matter of months to go until our British Members of Parliament become television evangelists for their own true creeds, it is shameful how little they have learnt from the recent hearing of a House of Commons Select Committee on the American counterpart, Mr Jimmy Swaggart.

"Forgive me - I have sinned." These are words that are not often heard in the House of Commons. Members are still only halfway through the first lesson of evangelism, in which the promise of Hellfire is alternated with the begging bowl. By an old understanding, these evangelical chores are divided between the two parties. The Conservatives threaten damnation for all who transgress, while the Socialists pop up with demands for more money. Begging personal forgiveness does not yet appear to be on the agenda.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens is ever-alert to the monstrous sinners who sit opposite him, holding his hands in prayer across his unrepentant stomach as he rebukes them for their sinfulness. "Why do the Opposition continue to persist in trying to discredit the Royal Navy?" he demanded, claiming that they were none of them worthy of worshiping at that great Tory shrine, The Sinking of the *Belgrano*. "Most of their ideas on defence are wonky," chorused the Secretary of State for Defence, bidding them come back on the straight and narrow path.

With the massed choirs of bright-eyed young Tories behind her, all ready to sing her name, Mrs Margaret Thatcher swayed to the rhythm, fire in her eyes. Mr Neil Kinnock shook the begging bowl at the NHS, bewailing out a message of "dignity and uncertainty". Why would she not fully fund the health service, pay award? "WAAH! WAAH! WAAH!" incanted the Tory chorists, bang on time.

But this litany of virtue could not move Mrs Thatcher. "That's about the fifth time I've heard the same question," she boomed. Her rival preacher, Mr Kinnock, then attempted to produce evidence that some of the Members of her own congregation had been seen entering a select committee room, com-

paring with Members of the opposite sex, and reaching an agreement that money should change hands.

In reply, Mrs Thatcher launched into a melody of old Tory Spinnaker, incorporating a blues lament to the bad old days under the last Labour Government. "Twenty per cent reduction in pay under the Labour Government," she shrilled on a high note, and bearing these moving recollections of the days in the wilderness, Tory backbenchers could be seen to quake in their seats, some even driven to jangle the extra change in their pockets.

A Tory backbencher rose from his laze, strange forces impelling him to speak. The voice of the Japanese Ambassador had spoken in his ear telling him that the British would win gold medals in any business Olympics. Oh, Praise the Lady!

The Lady accepted this praise with the grace she reserves for such offerings. "Most excellent comments, we're very pleased," said all of her.

But the miserable sinners on the benches opposite seemed ever to be excluded from the garden of great joy, and doomed forever to whinge over the wall. A Labour backbencher claimed to have seen a vision in that morning's *Daily Telegraph* spelling doom for the NHS. But the Lady had seen no such vision. "I have not read any newspapers today - I've been far too busy," she exclaimed.

"Forgive me - I have misplaced the Golden Shire." Would the Rev Nigel Lawson shed ten thousand tears for his private activities with Britoil? The stern Scottish preacher for the Opposition, the Rev John Smith, wished it were so. "The Chancellor is not to be trusted!" he barked, glaring unfathomably at the guilty party. But if the Rev Smith sought his brother's repentance, he was to be disappointed. The Rev Lawson is not the repenting type. He could chew ten thousand onions and still come up smiling. "Stop the carping!" he replied. The Rev Swaggart would have been ashamed of him.

Craig Brown

Parole sours Irish relations

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release Private Thain on parole proved there was no justice for nationalists in Northern Ireland.

Private Thain, from Doncaster, was sentenced to life imprisonment in November 1984. He was arrested in West Belfast on August 9 1983, after firing one fatal shot at Thomas "Kidson" Reilly, aged 22, a former road manager with the pop group Bananarama.

Private Thain had been in the army for less than a year and had served in Ulster for three months.

The Army said last night that in considering his case, it took into account the fact that he was young and inexperienced and had had to make a "split decision" during a street disturbance. Mr Reilly had run away and Private Thain had chased after him "for some time, calling on him to stop on three occasions". He

fired a single shot when Mr Reilly failed to stop.

At his trial, Private Thain said he opened fire when Mr Reilly half-turned and appeared to be going for a gun in the waistband of his trousers. However, the judge, Mr Justice Higgins, said he was being "deliberately untruthful" and did not accept that he believed he was about to be shot.

Private Thain served a year on remand in military prison but was transferred to Liverpool prison after conviction. His case was reviewed in September 1986 and the Parole Board recommended his release on licence. Private Thain left prison in February 1987 and rejoined his regiment.

Mr James Reilly, father of the victim, said yesterday: "It is unbelievable. People talk about British justice, but where is it today? Our son was never involved in anything. He was murdered. We cannot

go and visit him. All we can do is put flowers on his grave and pray for him."

Mr Michael Reilly, aged 53, of Sheffield, the victim's uncle, intends raising the issue with Mr David Blunkett, his MP.

"I was shocked. There does not seem to be any justice," he said. "If he's given life, it should be life. Thomas can't be brought back. His father was just getting over the tragedy. This will kill him off."

"For him to be allowed to carry a gun as a soldier, that must be questioned. He's committed cold-blooded murder. Thomas was shot in the back."

Private Thain's mother, Mrs Barbara Thain, who led a local campaign for her son's early release, said at their home in Dunscroft, outside Doncaster: "He has been released on parole and is back with his regiment but I'm not saying where he is."

Cardinal attacks RUC and Army at funeral

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quarry it is not surprising that many people are asking whether the British security forces are above the law."

The Cardinal issued his rebuke to the security forces as Mr Eugene Crowley, the Republic's Deputy Garda Commissioner, installed himself at police headquarters in Monaghan 12 miles away on the other side of the border. He has been ordered to conduct an inquiry into the shooting by Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister.

News of the unprecedented inquiry into a shooting on the Ulster side of the border was welcomed by the large congregation in Aughnacloy, but the mood was solemn.

The Catholic community's solidarity was expressed by the parish priest, Father Seamus McManus, who con-

demned "this callous killing." "We all of us here feel threatened because we are not able to lead our lives in dignity, peace and respect and free from fear of harassment and suspicion."

The coffin, draped in the red and black colours of the local Gaelic football club, was met at the church doors by the Cardinal.

Members of the dead man's family and the football team carried the coffin down the main street before turning right at a Customs post. The procession moved past a car park at Coronation Court where Mr McManus had left his car on Sunday afternoon before walking a further 100 yards to the border post.

Soldiers watched and filmed the procession from behind the screens in the Sangar lookout post.

US claims of pull-out by Russia

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back to the Intermediate-range nuclear Forces Treaty signed last December in Washington, which removed a category of missiles from European soil.

Progress had been made in Moscow on a 50 per cent cut in strategic missiles, although "a lot remains to be done".

On Afghanistan, US officials said Washington did not support Pakistan in making the formation of an interim government in Kabul a pre-condition for Soviet withdrawal.

Mr Shultz said much would depend on next week's Geneva talks on an Afghan settlement under United Nations auspices.

Green light for BP bid

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North Sea fields by 5 per cent, and to develop discoveries as fast as practicable. The Britoil board is to be headed by a chairman with no previous BP connections whose appointment will be agreed between the Government and BP.

In a letter to the Treasury, Sir Peter Walters, chairman of BP, said that production at Britoil's UK continental shelf fields, Thistle, Beatrice, Devon and Clyde, would be maintained and, where possible, extended "through the application of BP's proven and highly successful reservoir management skills".

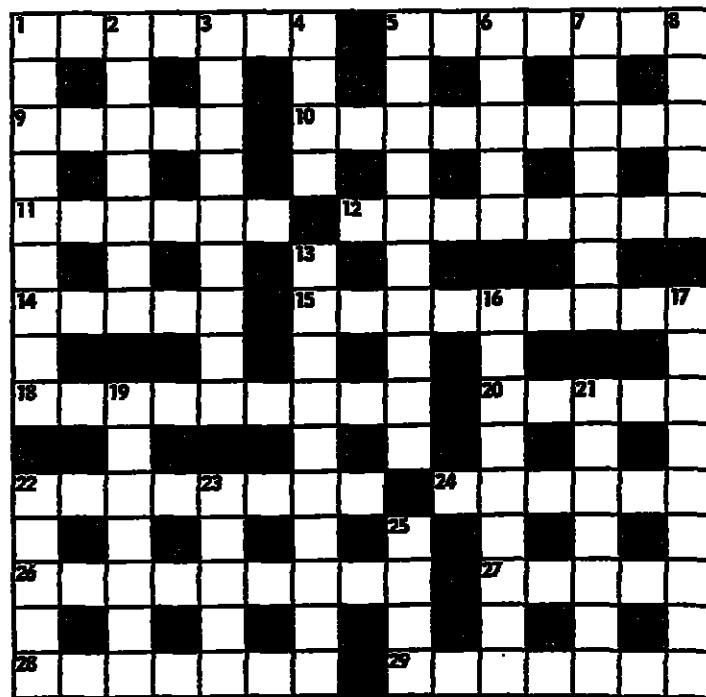
He promised to present a

rigorous technical evaluation of the fields to the Government within nine months, to secure an increased yield of at least 5 per cent.

BP is to undertake a geological review of Britoil's licensed areas and examine the scope for drilling unexplored areas licensed to BP and Britoil in earlier rounds.

Sir Peter went on: "Subject to there being no major deterioration in economic conditions, and depending on drilling costs, in particular rig rates, BP would expect to spend some £300 million to £325 million a year on combined BP Britoil exploration by 1990."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,600



- ACROSS**
- Daily set back for timekeeper not a night-worker (7).
 - Ecstatic, like station sergeant (3-4).
 - Writer drawing from Chaucer and Lawrence (5).
 - Hurry and come up, Veronica (9).
 - Query surrounding stray vessel (6).
 - Cap for a prison officer (5-3).
 - Transport found in Hutton Garden (5).
 - Awful display of greed at an outdoor restaurant (3-6).
 - Call again about finish - of the building? (9).
 - Leave with a garment (5).
 - "...repeatedly opening on the scene of fear" (Kane) (8).
 - Star at resuscitation of skilled performer (6).
 - Be quick to see and sign on staff (4-5).
 - I competed clad in green (5).
 - Book substitute player (7).
 - Worry in Opposition, short of majorities (7).
- DOWN**
- Splash through wet roads, a diversion (4,5).
 - Girl cutting fabric (7).
 - Drunk in east by British - swallowed about one (9).
 - The French way to carry on (4).
 - Excessive price for restaurant extra with no starter (10).
 - Latest news about university flats perhaps (5).
 - Pick on journalist and put in place (7).
 - Bloomer made by trainee - one in position on the way up (5).
 - Give sound evidence of friction in cricket (10).
 - Slender typical of cat, we hear (9).
 - Minimal changes in sea levels, despite an upheaval (4,5).
 - Quarrel between partners in difficult straits possibly (7).
 - Complaining outright would be sickening (7).
 - River god of the frozen north perhaps (5).
 - Failure when no points scored by either side (5).
 - Circular letter to writer is unsealed (4).

WORD-WATCHING

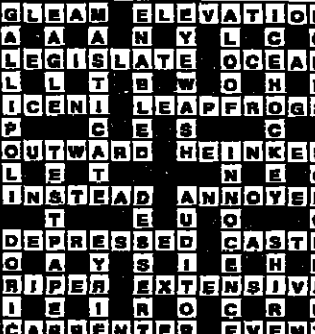
A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

- SARRUSOPHONE**
- A large tuba
 - Noise of a falling drunk
 - A brass chime
- HALLOTIS**
- A seashell
 - The art of sea fishing
 - Bad breath
- GALLYBAGGER**
- A pirate
 - A scarecrow
 - Fatous trousers
- VARVEL**
- The bearded carp
 - A hawk's less ring
 - A layer of clay

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,599



WEATHER

Eastern regions will be cloudy, with sleet or snow, heavy in places, settling on high ground. Western Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and central and western England will have sunny intervals and only a few scattered wintry showers. Cold elsewhere, particularly in the south and east, with strong north-east winds. Outlook: remaining cold with further sleet or snow showers in the south and east.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs in	Rain in	Max. F	Min. F	Wind
Scarboro	5.3	0	9	48	sunny
Harrogate	4.3	0	9	48	sunny
Doncaster	4.0	0	9	48	sunny
Sheffield	4.3	0	9	48	sunny
Leeds	4.3	0	9	48	sunny
Bradford	4.3	0	9	48	sunny
Manchester	2.8	0	9	49	sunny
Liverpool	6.0	0	10	50	sunny
Cardiff	4.3	0	10	50	sunny
Belfast	6.0	0	10	50	sunny
London	6.6	0	11	52	sunny
Edinburgh	7.0	0	11	53	sunny
Glasgow	6.6	0	11	53	sunny
Newcastle	6.6	0	11	53	sunny
Birmingham	5.2	0	9	48	sunny
Nottingham	3.4	0	9	48	sunny
Sheff Hallam	5.2	0	10	50	sunny
Don Valley	5.0	0	11	52	sunny
Leeds	5.0	0	11	52	sunny
Bradford	4.3	0	12	54	sunny
Manchester	2.9	0	9	48	sunny
Don Valley	0.4	0	9	48	sunny
Cardiff	1.6	.02	9	48	sunny
Belfast	1.6	.02	9	48	sunny
London	0.5	0	8	46	sunny
Edinburgh	3.2	.02	7	45	sunny
Glasgow	3.8	.07	7	45	sunny
Newcastle	4.5	.09	8	46	sunny
Birmingham	3.6	.38	8	41	sunny
Nottingham	4.7	.15	8	41	sunny
Sheff Hallam	4.7	.15	8	41	sunny
Don Valley	6.1	.09	7	45	sunny

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Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

From your Portfolio card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily or accumulator dividend figures. If it matches or better this figure you have won outright or a share of the daily or accumulator prize money stated. If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. Always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or Loss
1	Turkey	Building/Roads	
2	Penny (as)	Electricals	
3	Bowen	Industrials A-D	
4	Blue Circle (as)	Building/Roads	
5	Ladbrooke (as)	Hotels/Caterers	
6	Alphabetic	Electricals	
7	Urd Biscuits (as)	Food	
8	Delta	Industrials A-D	
9	Next (as)	Draperies	
10	Debenhams Tescos	Property	
11	Conoco	Industrials A-D	
12	Logan	Property/Adv	
13	Coast Vipeira (as)	Draperies	
14	Cambridge Inst	Electricals	
15	Brimo Quakeast	Industrials A-D	
16	Whitbread	Industrials S-Z	
17	Neppend	Industrials L-R	
18	Ryl Bk Scot (as)	Bank/Discount	
19	Slavsky	Industrials S-Z	
20	Atlantic Comp	Electricals	
21	Ashtly	Industrials A-D	
22	Harwell Plc	Motor/Aircraft	
23	Bester PLC (as)	Industrials A-D	
24	Meca Leisure	Leisure	
25	Lucas (as)	Motor/Aircraft	
26	Henderson	Building/Roads	
27	Cumari	Leisure	
28	Midland (as)	Bank/Discount	
29	Travis & Arnold	Building/Roads	
30	Norcross	Industrials L-R	
31	Parkland 'A'	Textiles	
32	Westbury	Building/Roads	
33	Road Int (as)	Industrials L-R	
34	Tarmac (as)	Building/Roads	
35	Timbalpa Hic (as)	Industrials S-Z	
36	Davey	Industrials A-D	
37	Midsummer	Leisure	
38	Senior Eng	Industrials S-Z	
39	AAH	Industrials A-D	
40	Ayshire Metal	Industrials A-D	
41	Security Serv	Industrials S-Z	
42	Shandwick	Property/Adv	
43	Whitbread 'A' (as)	Breweries	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

BRITISH FUNDS						
1987/88	High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
102	100	98	East	100	2	2
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UNLISTED SECURITIES

1987/88	High/Low	Company	Price	Open	Change	Vol	P/E	1987/88	High/Low	Company	Price	Open	Change	Vol	P/E	1987/88	High/Low	Company	Price	Open	Change	Vol	P/E
32	14	A & M Co	32	14	0	10	48.1	112	64	Kaiser Aluminum	112	64	0	10	48.1	112	64	Kaiser Aluminum	112	64	0	10	48.1
33	15	A & M Co	33	15	0	10	48.1	113	65	Kaiser Aluminum	113	65	0	10	48.1	113	65	Kaiser Aluminum	113	65	0	10	48.1
34	16	A & M Co	34	16	0	10	48.1	114	66	Kaiser Aluminum	114	66	0	10	48.1	114	66	Kaiser Aluminum	114	66	0	10	48.1
35	17	A & M Co	35	17	0	10	48.1	115	67	Kaiser Aluminum	115	67	0	10	48.1	115	67	Kaiser Aluminum	115	67	0	10	48.1
36	18	A & M Co	36	18	0	10	48.1	116	68	Kaiser Aluminum	116	68	0	10	48.1	116	68	Kaiser Aluminum	116	68	0	10	48.1
37	19	A & M Co	37	19	0	10	48.1	117	69	Kaiser Aluminum	117	69	0	10	48.1	117	69	Kaiser Aluminum	117	69	0	10	48.1
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Open: \$445.00-445.50 Close: \$442.00-442.50
High: \$445.00-445.50 Low: \$441.00-441.50

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Britannia: \$455.00-460.00 (\$257.50-260.50)
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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol		Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling						US Treasury Bond					
Previous open interest 25510						Previous open interest 2627					
Mar 88	90.82	90.84	90.80	90.83	2222	Mar 88	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 89	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 89	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 90	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 90	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 91	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 91	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 92	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 92	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 93	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 93	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 94	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 94	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 95	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 95	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 96	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 96	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 97	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 97	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 98	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 98	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
Mar 99	90.82	90.82	90.80	90.81	11	Mar 99	94.08	94.20	94.04	8380	
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LONDON FOX	
COCOA	G W Joyce
Mar 1015-013	Dec 1105-1
May 1040-036	Mar 1135-1
Jul 1059-058	May 1150-0
Sep 1078-077	Vol 71
COFFEE	G W Joyce
Mar 1265-260	Nov 1355-3
May 1297-292	Jan 1380-3
Jul 1321-320	Mar 1400-3
Sep 1339-337	Vol 41
SUGAR	G Canning
Feb 105	Vol 60
Mar 185-0-84-8	Oct 1815-81
May 184-8-84-8	Dec 1821-81

	Official prices/volumes previous day	
(£/tonne)	Cash	3 months
Copper Cath A	1278.0-1282.0	1190.0-1191.0
Copper Stereod	1230.0-1240.0	1185.0-1175.0
Lead	368.0-368.0	343.0-343.0
Zinc Hn Cath	491.0-492.0	497.0-498.0
Silver Larger	633.0-634.0	643.0-646.0
Silver Smelt	633.0-634.0	643.0-646.0
Aluminium	1208.0-1210.0	1202.0-1203.0
Aluminium Hn	2300.0-2320.0	2150.0-2170.0
Nickel	8735-8776	8280-8300

† (Cents per Troy oz). * (£ per tonne)

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Vol	Time
2576	Irregular
2000	Idle
54675	Steady
6	Equip
127	Culset
4280	Idle
2750	Brly/Std
3476	Culset
3594	Very Std

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

30	11	28	48	20	18	21	15	23	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330	331	332	333	334	335	336	337	338	339	340	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350	351	352	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360	361	362	363	364	365	366	367	368	369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380	381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390	391	392	393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410	411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420	421	422	423	424	425	426	427	428	429	430	431	432	433	434	435	436	437	438	439	440	441	442	443	444	445	446	447	448	449	450	451	452	453	454	455	456	457	458	459	460	461	462	463	464	465	466	467	468	469	470	471	472	473	474	475	476	477	478	479	480	481	482	483	484	485	486	487	488	489	490	491	492	493	494	495	496	497	498	499	500	501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509	510	511	512	513	514	515	516	517	518	519	520	521	522	523	524	525	526	527	528	529	530	531	532	533	534	535	536	537	538
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CRUDE OILS (assessed) (\$/BBL FOB)			GAS OILS (assessed) (\$/BBL FOB)		
Brant Phys	15.30		Mar		
15 day Mar	15.55	-5	Apr		
15 day Apr	15.80		May		
WTI Apr	16.85	-5	Jun		
WTI May	16.85		Jul		
			Aug		
			Sep		
			Oct		
PRODUCTS Buy/sell \$/WT.			PRODUCTS Buy/sell \$/WT.		
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery			Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery		
Prem Gas .15	+1	174-175	+1		

Gasol REC.	+1	136-137	+1	NOV
Non 2H Feb		132-134	+1	Vol
Non 1H Mar	+1	134-135	+1	HVY FUEL

3.5 Fuel Oil	+1	71-73	+1	Mar
Naphtha	+1	152-153	+1	Apr

DIFFERENTIALS				
QMS Freight Differentials Dry Cargo (#10/mt)				
Apr 88	HI	1585-1555	Low	Close 1599.0
Jul 88	HI	1414-1400	Low	Close 1412.0
Oct 88	HI	1420-1410	Low	Close 1424.5
Jan 89	HI	_____	Low	Close 1385.0
Voy 130 lots		Open Interest		2743
Dry cargo index		1953.5		-3.5 on 222.98

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Hot technology — hotter news

OPINION

J.D. Salmon

Ten years ago, we were all told that newspapers were on their way out. Television, we were informed, would sweep newspaper from the streets. In fact, all that has happened is that newspapers have been swept from Fleet Street and, as the latest ABC circulation figures show, are in generally good shape.

But what really happened to give newspapers a new lease of life? Television came, we saw — but who conquered whom?

Television was not destined to destroy the newspaper, but it did lead us to expect immediacy, speed and colour — all of which are now being provided by newspapers and magazines.

How quickly it has all happened. What we all now take for granted was not around 10 years ago. The amount of colour on pages throughout the world has increased by 10 per cent each year for the last decade. As far as the printed page is concerned, 1988 is twice as colourful as 1981.

Today's technology is changing not just the appearance, but the traditional roles of the news media. For a long time, television was the bringer of hot news. Newspapers gave background detail, sparsely illustrated with black and white pictures, and news magazines provided analysis, with high quality but untimely colour pictures. This cosy situation, like it or not, has gone for good.

Fleet Street has recently been streamlined by shortened production cycles for newspapers and magazines through new technology and new work practices. In New York, *Time* magazine used to allow four days from closing the last story to being on the street. With today's technology, they can publish in about as many hours.

Today's technology provides the means for capturing stories as they break, complete with high quality black and white or colour pictures

taken from a wide variety of sources, enhanced electronically and transmitted around the globe using sophisticated satellite communications systems. Pat Cash, for instance, won the 1987 Wimbledon men's tennis championship on a Sunday afternoon. On Monday, pictures of that event were in magazines throughout Europe, the United States and, of course, Australia.

Up-to-the-minute news stories sell magazines. A statement of the obvious, perhaps, but few publications have taken this to its logical conclusion. Some magazines are more topical, some newspapers are embracing colour and some newspapers have cleaned up their look. Eddy Shah, with his boldly conceived *Today* newspaper, was the catalyst for change. Others took up his challenge.

Interestingly, major news events have provided a spur to change. When *Newsweek* magazine was covering the Reykjavik Summit between Reagan and Gorbachev, it used a chartered jet to fly pictures to its New York office. To meet press deadlines, the jet had to leave before the end of the talks. *Time* magazine, on the other hand, transmitted its pictures by satellite, at the end of the summit.

Unlike *Newsweek's* pictures, *Time's* showed the looks of frustration and despair on the two leaders' faces. The contrast between the topicality of the two, on the following day, was marked and sales figures reflected this fact. Very shortly afterwards, *Newsweek* investigated transmission equipment.

To survive, papers and magazines must embrace technology, not shy away from it. The old newspaper taking its place will be colourful, dynamic and topical.

J.D. Salmon is managing director of Crosfield Electronics, specialists in media technology.

Uncertainty surrounds the launch of a new TV satellite, reports Nick Higham

Promises in the sky

Mr Thatcher can rest easy. Britain is not about to be deluged by a flood of non-stop sex, violence and religion from space — not, at least, if British Telecom has anything to do with it.

Steve Maine of BT International, the man responsible for "uplinking" TV channels from Britain — transmitting the signals from the ground station to the satellite — is adamant that no service which he is responsible for will carry anything unacceptable in the UK, or any other country receiving the service.

Maine's assurance is important, because as well as sending signals to existing low-power television satellites like Eutelsat, BT is responsible for marketing no fewer than 11 of the 16 channels on the Luxembourg-owned medium power Astra satellite due for launch in October.

But the purity of the programming is about the only sure thing about Astra just at present. So far no British channel has signed up to take space on the satellite on account of two main stumbling blocks: price and transmission standard.

Last week, in a significant development, Astra dropped its insistence that all 16 channels should use the D2-MAC transmission standard favoured by the French and Germans, and agreed that British channels could use the D-MAC standard developed in the UK, which

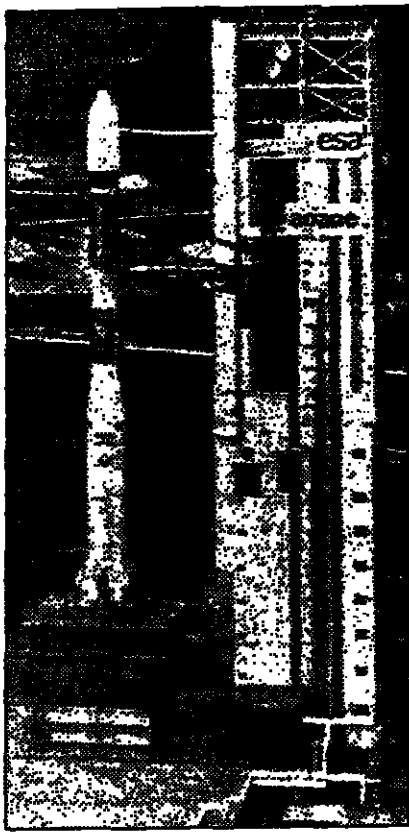
will also be used by Britain's direct broadcast satellite project, BSB.

Britain is not only a vital market for Astra but is also the current European TV capital with most of the channels having their headquarters in London. Also, though the D2-MAC standard is compatible with Continental cable systems, Britain's D-MAC has considerably greater capacity, allowing the simultaneous broadcast of things like teletext and alternative language soundtracks. All good grounds for a climb-down.

No such move is yet in prospect on price, though. Astra and BT want each channel to pay just under £5 million a year rental. Part of the money would be spent on a campaign to market the Astra television concept to the public.

That is three times what channels now pay for space on Eutelsat. Astra says its more powerful signals will contribute to an increase in the audience for satellite and cable TV in Europe from 11 million households in 1985 to 40 million in 1995 (£8 million of those in the UK).

But before signing, channel operators need to be sure that European cable operators' receiving dishes, now directed at Eutelsat, will be turned to point at Astra — which will only happen if all the other channels also switch. Nobody wants to be the first to jump, and until now nobody has wanted to pay Astra's asking price.



Blast off: but who'll be aboard Astra?

Authors of a printing revolution

Getting a first book published can be a problem. Kate Finch finds an answer

Finding a publisher is a herculean task, as most would-be authors discover. If the manuscript in question is an autobiography or a first novel, the chances are that, whatever its merits, no publisher will consider it a worthwhile commercial proposition.

The option for the rejected author desperate to appear in print is to have the book published privately. But this is an expensive course of action, fraught with pitfalls; no publicity, no editorial advice and no help with the legal red tape of publishing.

Could the answer lie in a vast authors' co-operative? Tony Harold, a former literary agent turned publisher, believes so. Last month he donated £16,000 to set up the Self Publishing Association,

based in Upton-upon-Severn, Worcestershire.

Writers pay £25 to join, for which they receive consideration of their manuscript by an editorial panel. If it is considered worth publishing, the association will take care of the entire production process, leaving the author responsible only for the cost of cut-price printing. A thousand copies of a 192-page hardback would cost around £2,350 — less than half the usual cost of self-publishing. Any profits go straight to the author.

Harold, who spends most of his time running the Malvern Publishing Company, set up

the association entirely for altruistic reasons. "I was infuriated at seeing good books going to waste because publishers thought they would not be able to sell 3,000 copies," he said. "I am trying to break the closed shop of publishing and help ordinary people who have talent."

Costs can be kept low because the books are originated on computer before being sent to the printer, reflecting the advent of the "desk top publishing" revolution. Harold stresses that this course is not open to the author with a home computer, but requires sophisticated

equipment. The Association can provide the technology and can also negotiate highly competitive printing rates.

The result will be an eclectic "list". In the pipeline are books ranging from the worthy to the weird. *By Hand, Bullocks and Prayers*, by Dr E.G. Wilkins, is an account of building a missionary hospital in East India 50 years ago. *The Nazarenes*, by a cockney Jew, Sidney Gabriel, sets out to show the anti-Jewish bias of the New Testament.

So far, about 200 people have joined. Eventually Harold envisages a network of thousands of members across the country, intent on breaking the stranglehold of the publishing houses on what should appear and who should reap the profits.

Benefits in a tabloid for the out of work

Why an ex-advertising man has started a paper with little overt advert appeal

One of the year's more unlikely media developments, a newspaper for the unemployed called *Signing On*, will be launched today at a Press conference in Bloomsbury.

A four-page tabloid with an initial print run of 5,000, a cover price of 25p, and a marketing plan involving initial publication bi-monthly, "building up to weekly if we can afford it", *Signing On* does not precisely constitute a threat to established publications.

Its ambitions are modest, as befits a venture founded on £2,000, with an avowed policy "to press for the right to work and encourage debate on alternative ways of tackling mass unemployment".

Issue one concentrates on "the massive changes to the benefit system that take effect in April", and contains articles by Fran Bennett, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, and Gerisau Lonsdowne of the National Association of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Signing On's editor and inventor, Phillip Riley, says confidently: "Up to now, the unemployed have had no chance to communicate with each other or the outside world. Though they are the victims of endless bureaucracy, until now they've been unable to hit back."

However, when it comes to unemployment, Riley — like the rest of *Signing On's* editorial board — speaks from first-hand experience. Originally an advertising copywriter, he became a creative

director at J. Walter Thompson, Ogilvy and Mather, and Dorlands, working in Paris, Brussels and Argentina.

Returning from South America 18 months ago, he could not find work and decided a paper for people in the same position was the answer.

But no backers appeared for a venture which he admitted was low on overt commercial appeal.

"Until now, the jobless could never talk to each other or the outside world"

cial appeal. Then last year he found a kindred spirit in Molly Meacher, a 47-year-old ex-social worker and mother of four, who directs a non-party group called The Campaign For Work. She also directs the Hands Across Britain demonstrations in May 1987 which hoped to form a human chain between London and Liverpool.

"Of course it didn't actually work," Mrs Meacher said, "but we got a quarter of a million people involved, set up groups all over the country and have Sir Richard O'Brien, chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, as president."

These groups will distribute *Signing On* and so, she hopes, will local libraries, social service offices, and trades union halls. Despite the cover price, it is free to the unemployed or unemployed.

David Leitch

ITN and a satellite news agreement

The IBA's radio responsibilities have not, as yet, been handed over to a new Radio Authority, as stated in a report on these pages last week. The Cable Authority was set up in 1984, not in 1987, and the statement that ITN will not be contributing a news service to British Satellite Broadcasting was incorrect. ITN have signed an agreement with BSB to provide news programmes starting in late 1989.

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Search for a sponsor

Why global TV is making a buyer's market in Cannes

One of a flurry of sponsorship conferences to have sprung up in the last few years, opens next week in Cannes. Spontec, now in its second year, joins a host of such events attempting to service the world's £1.4 billion a year sponsorship market.

Last year's Spontec was criticized for having a distinctly national flavour in an industry which has become increasingly international as a result of the global marketing strategies of sponsors and the growth of cable and satellite TV.

British interest in the event seems to be weighted in favour of sponsorship agencies and media owners, such as Super Channel, TVS and BBC Enterprises. Super Channel, which relies on sponsorship for 20 per cent of its revenue, is eager to mop up business from companies taking advantage of the opportunities now being offered by cable and satellite TV.

Amid the clamour for sports, arts and programming sponsorship, it is still very much a buyer's market. Midem, the Paris-based organizers, are trying to stop the four-day conference turning into one enormous sales pitch, by insisting that companies courting sponsors pay for an exhibition stand.

There may, however, be a small shift in favour of the event organizers as competition for the prestige sports sponsorship deals intensifies. Barrie Gill, chairman and chief executive of sponsorship agency CSS International, says: "There are only a few events left at the top level and there's a queue of people waiting for them. It's much easier to sell a £50 million deal than a £5 million one."

Caris Bowen-Jones
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Fresh bite at the Digest



Cover story, then and now: the British edition of Reader's Digest as it appeared in 1945 and, right, the March edition celebrating its fiftieth anniversary

As it celebrates its fiftieth anniversary, the British edition of Reader's Digest is gearing up for a new editor, Andrew Lycett reports

out-of-work entrepreneurs. This will commemorate the inauguration of the parent Digest in the United States by an unemployed college drop-out, DeWitt Wallace, in 1922.

Randolph is leaving behind a successful operation. Apart from the circulation, the British Reader's Digest and its subsidiaries made profits last year of £13 million (a quarter of it directly from the magazine) on turnover of £90 million. When he took over the editorial chair, the British edition fished all its articles (30 an issue — one for each day of the month) from the United States. Today, a third is British, much of it original. The Digest is no longer a repository for previously published material.

The March issue has a reconstruction of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster, February a similar feature on the October hurricane. Writers enjoy these commissions, for the Digest pays an enviable £2 a word. But they have to work for their rewards — six weeks for the average article of

around 1,500 words. They are encouraged to write twice as much as is needed. Then begins the legendary Reader's Digest process of paring, processing and checking. Authors have to list sources, with telephone numbers, for every single fact and opinion. A seven strong research team then goes over all details, checking them, if possible, with alternative sources.

Accuracy, says Randolph, is much valued by the Digest's faithful readers. Three out of four renew their subscriptions, among those who have taken the magazine for five years, the renewal rate is 90 per cent.

But Randolph believes the most important factor in its success is that it is "a damned good story teller". It is "fair and slightly idealistic", stressing family values and the ability of the individual to improve him or herself. Twisk, a practising Anglican like Randolph, notes an advertisement in the United States which says that America has returned to the values the Digest has always had. The mag-

azine deplors drugs and alcohol abuse, while promoting fluoride in the water. It has never taken cigarette advertising. Indeed, for its first 12 years in Britain, it took no advertising at all. Advertisements now account for 40 per cent of the Reader's Digest's revenue.

The British edition is run autonomously, though with regular referral to upstate New York. With 100 million readers for 30 editions in 15 languages each month, Randolph says: "We have to keep more or less in line. We can't have all these editions speaking in different styles." Each joke is sent to Pleasantville — officially to ensure there has been no repetition or plagiarism from other editions, unofficially so no smut or "unideological" material slips in.

Britain has some, but not all, of the American paternalism. The staff of 29 in Britain received 25 per cent of their salary in profit-sharing bonus last year.

Twisk will not change much at first. But he predicts that readers will be able to notice the difference in editors "within a year", and implies there will be more graphic material ("too much dense print is not a good thing"). Surprisingly, he comments on how much he enjoys gossip columns in papers. "They inject a necessary note of mischief into the proceedings." A mischievous Reader's Digest — that would be an interesting departure.

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Adding to the ad lists

The success on American television of *L.A. Law*, which managed to make even that dowdiest of professions trendy, has produced a flood of applicants to American law schools.

But what has been the effect on the UK advertising business of BBC-TV's *Campaign*? Agencies are certainly reporting a marked increase in the number of graduates applying for jobs this year, but this is apparently not due to the television glamorizing of the ad business. It owes more to last October's Stock Market crash.

This increasing interest is not limited to the advertising section of the media business. Applications for the BBC's news trainee scheme were up from 642 to 772 this year, and for its production trainee scheme from 1,938 to 3,632.

Merger issue

David Hillman of Pentagram, fresh from redesigning *The Guardian*, has been called in by the *New Statesman* to effect a similar revamp in time for the magazine's 75th birthday on April 15. There was just one thing the NS forgot to tell him: it may be on the point of merging with its sister publication, *New Society*. A combined publication would require a rather different design approach, agreed Hillman this week, expressing surprise that he had not been told. "I expect they're rewriting the brief now," he added.

Written evidence

Jack Saltman, the producer of Thames TV's four-hour televised investigation of the evidence against Kurt Waldheim, is working doubly hard. He is writing a book about the £1.5 million project, for which 24 researchers in 11 countries have so far accumulated 10,000 pages of evidence, scheduled for publication on the day of transmission in June. Saltman and his publishers, Robson Books, then plan to re-issue the book almost immediately with an extra chapter, analysing the verdict of the five former judges who will decide whether there is a prima facie case for Waldheim to answer.

Field reports

The Field, left in the lurch by many of its contributors in the wake of Simon Courtauld's involuntary departure as editor, has been saved by one of Courtauld's predecessors, Wilson Stephens, who retired from the job in 1977. Stephens has been brought back as "consultant", a title less honorary than it sounds. In the March issue, he has not only written his regular column, under the

pseudonym Proteus, but also a feature on the British Army under his own name, no fewer than three other pseudonymous contributions, and the anonymous leader.

British gent

GQ, the American men's magazine, is to come to Britain. Condé Nast is to launch a quarterly British edition of *Gentlemen's Quarterly* later this year. The editor is to be Paul Keers, currently with the *Telegraph*. *Sunday Magazine*, the publisher is to be Stephen Quinn who moves over from the National Magazine Company where he is publisher of *Harpers & Queen*.

Silly questions

Cosmopolitan has been overhauled to meet growing competition in the women's magazine market, with heavier paper, more editorial pages and more emphasis on fashion and design. But one thing has not changed: the magazine's psycho-socio-sexological quizzes. The March issue, first of the new look, contains a classic example, entitled "Are you a good flirt?" Says new editor Linda Kelsey: "We know they're silly and readers know they're silly, but they're compulsive."

Briefing...

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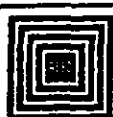
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Absence of Reid is added test of Everton's will

By Ian Ross

Everton will be playing for a good deal more than a ninth Wembley appearance in four years at Highbury tonight. After six months of hard endeavour, which has encompassed 26 league games, and no fewer than 15 cup ties, their entire season hangs in the balance in the second leg of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final.

Failure to overturn a one-goal deficit would leave Colin Harvey, the manager, without hope of a trophy to crown his first season in charge at Goodison Park and lead to a major rebuilding programme during the summer recess, much as Liverpool did last year.

Following some astute dealings within the transfer market, and a massive income from the club's protracted runs in both the Littlewoods and FA Cup competitions, Harvey is believed to have in excess of £2 million at his disposal to spend on new players.

The threat of starting next season in the reserves will hang over several of the club's leading players tonight as they attempt to recover from the reverse of the first leg, 17 days ago, and move forward into the final, on April 24, against either Luton Town or Oxford United.

Having surrendered their League title several weeks ago, Everton were ousted from the FA Cup by Liverpool at the weekend and now face the possibility of seeing their season prematurely curtailed.

"In many respects I suppose that it is true to say that our season now boils down to just

90 minutes of football. We know exactly what we must achieve to reach the final and we are ready," Harvey said.

"We need to win by one goal to set up a third game and by two to get straight through to Wembley. It is in our own hands now and it is up to us to go to Highbury and do the business."

His sentiments were echoed by Stevens, the England full back, who labelled tonight's tie as Everton's most important game of the season.

"Arsenal are going well at the moment and they had a tremendous Cup result against

him in the side because he is such an influential player. If he is ruled out we shall miss his character and his skill. It is not the type of injury where I could risk him because if he was not fully fit and did play it could set him back for several weeks. I am not prepared to chance that."

If Reid is missing, his deputy will be his international colleague, Bracewell, who has started just one senior game in the last 20 months after five operations on a severely damaged ankle.

The Arsenal manager, George Graham, is optimistic that centre back David O'Leary, substituted against Manchester United, following a recurrence of Achilles tendon trouble, will be fit enough to take his place.

Gus Caesar and Michael Thomas, who gave an outstanding display on Merseyside as midfield stand-ins for the injured Steve Williams, are the candidates to partner Tony Adams should O'Leary fail a late test.

Williams is now available for selection, while Paul Davis is also pressing for a recall after a hernia operation. Graham considered playing Davis against United. "He is fit, but it was a big game for him to come back in after an operation. Thomas and Richardson have been doing very well anyway," Richardson, a former Everton player, has revelled in his midfield responsibilities and Graham is facing a major selection dilemma.

If the teams are level after extra time tonight a replay will take place at Villa Park on March 9.

All ticket

Manchester City's FA Cup sixth round game against Liverpool will be all-ticket with a crowd, limited to 50,000, expected to produce receipts of around £200,000.

Manchester United. We must play differently to the way we did in the first leg because, to be honest, we were abysmal. We must go out and play as we are the home side," he said.

Everton have a serious doubt about the fitness of Reid, the England international midfielder player, who strained a thigh muscle in the early stages of Sunday's game and whose chances of being available are currently rated at less than 50-50.

"His leg is still a little bit sore and while I shall be leaving any decision as late as possible, he remains very doubtful," said Harvey.

"Obviously I would like

Police ask Cardiff to take action

By John Goodbody and Ian Stafford

Ian McGregor, the Assistant Chief Constable of the British Transport Police, has demanded action from Cardiff City over a series of violent incidents this season involving their supporters.

The BTP is so concerned about the behaviour of the Cardiff followers that it has sent copies of the letter to Government officials, the Football Association and the Welsh Football Association.

The bootlegging was at its worst last Saturday when there were incidents on four trains from Paddington to Cardiff, after the game at Orient. Six arrests were made and three other people were ejected from the 17.59 train which was forced to stop at Ealing Broadway because of disorderly behaviour and damage to the stock. The train eventually departed after 43 minutes delay. British Rail

Millichip agrees with police

By Dennis Shaw

Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, has given his approval to the police, who are considering prosecuting Chris Kamara, of Swindon Town. Millichip, who in the past has objected to the law intervening in football's disciplinary matters, sees the incident at Shrewsbury last Saturday as breaking new ground in combating such physical assaults.

The episode saw Jim Melrose, of Shrewsbury, end up in hospital for an operation on a depressed fracture of his cheek after an alleged assault by Kamara.

Police have taken up the case because a number of their own officers saw what took place as did numerous members of the crowd who have come forward.

The outcome, when statements have been gathered and added to the version taken from Melrose from his hospital bed, could be the first police prosecution of a footballer for violence in the Football League.

"From what I have been told about this incident then I fully endorse the police taking a hard line," Millichip said. "I understand that the incident took place as the players were leaving the field and out of sight of the match officials. If that is officially the case then I believe the police are absolutely right to take a hard line."

The FA chairman explained that he objected to the law's intervention in Scotland when there were incidents during the Rangers-Celtic match. He saw that as potentially a sinister trend in terms of the authority of football's disciplinary procedures. "It is all in the intelligence-gathering stage at the moment," Inspector Bob Martin, of West Mercia police, based in Shrewsbury, said. Melrose has been interviewed while in hospital and now statements are being taken from several observers.

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Speeding into the hearts of the American media: Bonnie Blair, roared on by the crowd, on her way to the 500 metres title

Blair on crest of US wave

Calgary (AFP) — The world record fell twice in a matter of minutes as Bonnie Blair, of the United States, took the Olympic women's 500 metres speedskating title here on Monday. Americans in the crowd roared the 58-year-old Blair, who started in the fourth pairing, through the race and she responded to their support by recording 39.10sec.

Eighth at Sarajevo four years ago, Blair was faster by two hundredths of a second, only 25 centimetres, than Christa Rothenburger, East Germany's outgoing champion. Rothenburger, going in the second pair, had recorded 39.12sec to lower her own record of 39.39sec set at the World Cup meeting at the fast Olympic Oval indoor track here in December.

The win is expected to make Blair the darling of the American media. Endorsement offers, likely to reach six figures, will pour in for the 23-year-old from Champaign, Illinois.

"I never felt any pressure," she said. "For so long I was the underdog. It's only been a little while that I've been on top and people are gunning for me." Aged 23 and the youngest of six children, she has been skating since the age of two.

Karin Kania, East Germany's 1980 gold medal winner over 500 metres, was also inside Rothenburger's December world record but her time of 39.24sec was only good enough for the bronze.

Canada's medal hopes look forlorn after draw

From Iain Macleod, Calgary

level matters for the world champions. The Swedes defended well particularly in the closing stages when Boysvert, with the goal at his mercy, missed by inches, with the final score almost certainly meaning Canada cannot win the gold medal.

Six teams will contest the medal round, which begins today. A curious system of carry-over points earned against other qualifying teams leaves the Canadians in an unenviable position.

Finland surprisingly won the first group and they beat Canada 3-1. So, with another point dropped against the Swedes on Monday, Canada enter the medal round with only one point. What makes their task more difficult is that

the favourites, the Soviet Union, their opponents today, start with the maximum four points.

In the other games Finland, who have three points, play West Germany (2), and the Swedes, who carry over two points, play Czechoslovakia, who have none. Indeed, Czechoslovakia have been the disappointment of the tournament, their expected challenge disintegrating when they were thrashed 6-1 by the Soviet Union.

Since the spring of 1968 in Prague this has always been the most eagerly anticipated match at every major championship. On this occasion, however, the Czechoslovaks could not even salvage a little pride.

Any suggestion that the Soviets were a spent force appear to have been greatly exaggerated. The classical manner in which they kept the puck from the frustrated Czechoslovaks was devastatingly effective.

Any challenge to the Soviet Union will almost certainly emanate from the Nordic countries Finland and Sweden. The Finns, who have surprised many here, have been impressive both on offence (22 goals for) and defence (eight against), but still do not appear to have the resources required to beat the Soviets, though a medal is a distinct possibility.

"Nobody will say they weren't judged fairly," Hess said, "but they do seem to look at previous results and carry them forward."

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Hoppe 'still greatest'

Calgary — Janis Kipurs, the Soviet Union's first-ever Olympic bobsleigh champion, last night paid the ultimate tribute to his arch rival, Wolfgang Hoppe, whom he beat for the two-man gold medal here (Chris Moore writes).

"For me Hoppe is still the greatest," the 30-year-old Soviet driver said. "I have been trying to beat him for six years and had only succeeded once before in the 1984 European Championships at Igls. I can hardly believe I've got the better of him in this Olympic race."

Because it was getting colder all the time, keeping the ice at a constant temperature, Kipurs was unaffected by his late draw on the final run.

Champion shows no ill effects

Tony Alcock, the world indoor singles champion, shrugged off the effects of a virus and swept into the semi-finals of the £10,000 Saxon Bowls Classic at Darlington yesterday (A Special Correspondent writes).

Alcock, aged 32, the English and United Kingdom title holder from Stroud, felt so bad at the weekend that he was close to withdrawing.

"It was a question of feeling

sorry for myself or making a determined bid for this title," he said after a 7-4 7-6 first round win over Scotland's John Watson, the 1982 world indoor singles champion from Glasgow.

After losing the opening set, Watson raced into a 5-0 lead in the second but Alcock rallied with a treble and single to win three of the next four ends and close the gap to 6-5.

Alcock then drew two bowls to within 9in of the jack to snatch the set 7-6 and clinch his win.

After the match, Alcock said: "I caught a bug earlier this month and I've been trying ever since to shake it off. I've been on antibiotics and I felt as weak as hell before today's match."

Alcock will now meet his arch rival, Irish and British Isles champion David Corkill of Belfast in the semi-finals today.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Gasser to try again

Geneva (Reuters) — Sandra Gasser, the Swiss runner banned by the International Amateur Athletic Federation after failing a dope test at last year's world athletics championships, will ask a civil court in London to lift her two-year suspension, her lawyer said yesterday.

He said the action was being taken in London because the IAAF is based there. He added that all necessary formalities should be finalized this week.

Last month the IAAF arbitration panel rejected an appeal by Gasser and the Swiss Athletic Federation against the suspension.

Brian James on Barrington Williams, the top British long jumper whose Christian faith may cost him an Olympic place. Spectrum, page 10

Squad named

Great Britain have named a 17-player squad for the Under-21 Rugby League representative match against France at Aulnay on Sunday March 6.

SQUAD: C. Ellis (Featherstone), F. Cassidy (Swinton), M. Dunmore (Wigan), M. Fletcher (Hull KR), I. Gifford (Wigan), M. Harrison (Warrington), K. Hill (Castleford), S. Irwin (Castleford), E. Johnson (Leeds), J. Lomas (Wigan), K. Macdonald (St Helens), M. Parker (Hull KR), S. Robinson (Featherstone), R. Russell (Wigan), D. Sampson (Castleford), S. Sanderson (Warrington), D. Wright (Widnes).

Match probe

Toulon (AFP) — Police have opened investigations into a junior club rugby match last Sunday in which Ferdinand Franchitto, the referee, was attacked by players and supporters.

Gopal signs

Gopal Sharma, the Indian Test off-spinner, has signed as club professional for the Northern League side Morecambe for the coming season.

The last tango for ice dance?

From John Hennessy, Calgary

The disillusionment felt by most people in the ice dance world has never been more apparent than on the occasion of the original set pattern (OSP) element of the Olympic championship in Calgary's Saddledome Arena. As a result, the Press, unprecedentedly, has asked for a meeting with Hans Katschura, the referee, and Laurence Denney, Britain's foremost authority on the subject.

For, as is often disturbingly the case, the 28 couples who entered remain in the same places after the OSP as they had begun the day with. There was a minor hiccup in the lower part of the order on the OSP placements but not enough to disrupt the almost pre-ordained overall pattern.

There can be no doubt about the leaders, Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei Butko, of the Soviet Union, who seemed to be much more on song than in the European championships in Prague last month.

They skated a polished programme and were spared this time the worrying close proximity of Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay, of France. The Duchesnays, brother and sister, had upstaged them in Prague.

Scandal of eighth place for French

Here, with the intrusion of Tracy Wilson and Robert McCall, of Canada, in third position, there was never going to be a chance of the Duchesnays occupying a challenging place in the last group of the OSP. But, as in Prague, the night belonged to the French.

Skating to choreography provided by Torville and Dean, they were again sensational. The 19,000 spectators revelled in the inter-play of world-beating domination and spirited response, presented in a programme of such difficulty that perhaps only Torville and Dean could have created it.

It was a scandal that the Duchesnays were placed only eighth. Roy Mason, of Britain, put them fifth; the American representative, still more commendably, fourth.

In a subsequent press conference we were invited by Sandra Hess, an American trainer, to bring to public notice the dissatisfaction felt by skaters and trainers over the strain-jacket which prevents any movement of an order has been established by the compulsory dances.

Ron Luddington, the top American trainer for ice dance as well as pairs, seems to despair of any improvement in the situation. There might be a case, he thought, for keeping judges out of the rink during practices. "As it is, they sit together and discuss things," he added. He left us to infer that they might come to a common conclusion even before the competition started.

"Nobody will say they weren't judged fairly," Hess said, "but they do seem to look at previous results and carry them forward."

Danger of falling out with judges

Peter Dalby, a former British champion, now working as a professional in the United States, echoed Hess. "The marks you get are not a true reflection on what you do that night," he said. "They're based on many previous performances."

These are striking comments from people who are aware that to fall out with the judges is to invite vicious retribution by way of their skaters.

Across the years I can recall only two occasions of a significant change in ice dance order. In 1980 Kristina Repozov and Andrei Sallay, an Hungarian couple trained by Betty Callaway, overturned the Olympic champions, Natalya Litchuk and Gennadi Karponosov, of the Soviet Union in the world championships. In Prague last month the Duchesnays rose from fifth to third in the European championships.

Even then the result matched the free dance, so that everything that went before, compulsory and OSP, were made to look an empty charade.

Ice dance was admitted into the Olympics in 1976. Unless it gets its house in order and allows a true element of competition, the International Olympic Committee would be justified in reconsidering its place under their patronage.

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